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

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Announcements

🔊 Alumnae, as we plan next year's meetings and activities, please remember that it is an obligation of membership for every member to help with hostessing. We are in need of hostesses as well as meeting locations and musicale performers for next year. If you are not at the May meeting, please contact a board member to see how you can help!

🔊 Alumnae, at the May meeting we will start accepting your local dues for the next year before our summer break. If you can't make the May meeting, feel free to mail your money to our treasurer, Sherye Halliburton, at 4113 E. 42nd St., Tulsa, OK 74135. To be an active, voting member, dues are \$25. To be an associate member without voting status, dues are \$10. Checks should be made out to Sigma Alpha Iota, Tulsa Alumnae Chapter. National Alumnae Association dues of \$35 are paid

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

Location:

Southminster Presbyterian Church
3500 S. Peoria Ave., Tulsa

May Musicale:

"We Can Do It! Courage to Victory"

Pan's Flute Choir

Peggy Cooper

Hostesses

Peggy Cooper

Tracy Crow

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Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications

Sarah Carr

We wrapped up the year with a beautiful senior luncheon to honor our graduating seniors. Wonderful way to conclude such a great year!

In addition, we had a great privilege to work alongside the bART Conservatory for our philanthropy this past year. We started a children's choir that was led by some of our sisters. They finished the season strong with a recital of their own and were also featured in the bART's own open concert. They kids all worked so hard and sang beautifully. The bART administration has reached out and wanted to keep a connection with our chapter and continue this choir in semesters to come. So exciting!

We are so incredibly excited to see what this next semester has to come and what it has in store for us!



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications

Patty Mandrell

A big thank you to all who helped support our annual Sigma Gamma Senior Farewell Luncheon. Tulsa Patroness Chapter established the tradition in the late 1950s so this was at least year 60 and counting. Current Alumnae member and previous Patroness Chapter member Janet Hyne and the late Patroness Sue Shadley planned and coordinated the event for the last several years. When the Patronesses retired their chapter, Tulsa Alumnae Chapter was honored to assume the responsibility and continue the tradition of the annual luncheon and awards ceremony.

We have had an exciting year with our 75th anniversary celebration. Member Barb Derby composed "SAI - Alumnae - Seventy Five" to commemorate the event. The February luncheon hosted Distinguished Members Jim Cohn, and his wife Eileen, from New York, and Ron Wheeler of Tulsa, as well as guests from University of Tulsa and chapter members and friends. The musicale also included Alumnae Anniversary Quintet premiering Jim's specially composed "SAI Sonatina." Another milestone for the chapter.

And now our 75th season finale is here! Come and enjoy a yummy salad potluck luncheon, musicale, and recognition of members before we take our summer break. See you at Southminster.

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

Letters from Early Alumnae Presidents

These letters were created for October 1993 Fraternity Education by then Frat. Ed. Chairman, Catherine Nixon. Though the “letters” were written for our 50th Anniversary, the sentiments expressed are relevant for 2018-2019.

Dear Tulsa Alumnae,

I am Odessa Fink Simpson, one of the last 2 charter members of Sigma Gamma still living. Through the 70 years of Tulsa SAI I have continually been interested in their activities.

After we graduated from TU those of us in the Tulsa area continued to attend and participate in the regular Sigma Gamma meetings and activities. During the 1930's I helped gather an organization of alums that met on their own each month for fellowship and community service. I acted as their first president but without a charter. Annette Chandler McAdams was the first name as Alumnae President to be listed in the Sigma Gamma yearbook. That was in 1940-41.

In 1942-43 I was again Tulsa Alumnae President. We were still waiting to be officially chartered by National and were tying up the loose ends in our requirements.

I was able to attend the Sigma Gamma 50th Anniversary Festivities in 1974. I very much regret because of poor physical and mental health I cannot be with you in November for the Tulsa Alum 50th Anniversary events. However my beloved colleague Mildred Meloy Von Tungelton will represent our Sigma Gamma charter member class. I hope you will each one make an effort to know this dear vivacious, gracious lady.

Please know my spirit is with you and God Bless you.

Odessa Fink Simpson

Dear Tulsa Alums,

I am Dorothy Bowen. It was my good fortune to be president the first year a slate of officers for alums was listed in the Sigma Gamma yearbook. That was 1941-42. During my presidency we did a lot of preliminary organizational work to establish our credentials so we could file with National for an official charter to make us a legitimate alumnae chapter.

These were exciting days. The process seemed very slow. It was almost 2 years before our goal was finally reached.

It is a satisfaction to me to have the privilege of sharing in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of that historic event.

Dorothy Bowen Gideon

Dear Tulsa Alums,

I am Anita Marsau. My spirit had to come down from heaven to be among you as you make final preparations for the Gala 50th Anniversary events.

The charter Date Nov. 9, 1943 for Tulsa Alums came during my presidency of the Tulsa Alums. It was such a cherished event after such long preparations and such a long waiting period. Excitement was beyond description among our membership.

I count 8 charter Tulsa Alums still among you. I wish I could be added to the list especially since I haven't been gone very long.

With blessings from the other world.

Anita Marsau

Upcoming Events

17-19 May: Mayfest

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



11 May: Bethany Mally (SG) & Sherry Crosby (TA)

13 May: Ariel Rodriguez (SG)

18 May: Patty Mandrell (TA)

22 May: Kathy Huber (TA)

23 May: Alex Vest (SG)

27 May: Mary Snider (TA) & Nancy Thomason (TA)

30 May: Tori Gellman (SG)



"Ron Predl Day in Tulsa"

Ron Predl, Friend of the Arts who was initiated by Tulsa Alumnae Chapter in 1999, has announced his retirement which will occur this summer. He leaves his eleven-year Executive Director position with the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra.

At the April 13 Classics Concert, after having made his regular welcoming remarks to start the evening, Ron was surprised by a group of orchestra and city officials who came onstage to lead the audience in many kudos directed toward Ron for his years of leadership in music, first at the School of Music at the University of Tulsa and then as Executive Director of the Tulsa Symphony.

Orchestra Manager Timothy McFadden, on behalf of the orchestra's musicians, announced that at the beginning of the Fall, 2019 Symphony season, a new podium named in honor of Ron, would grace the stage; Ron was presented with a miniature replica of the podium-to-be as the first of several surprises.

Finally, a representative of the office of Mayor G. T. Bynum read a mayoral proclamation stating "April 13, 2019, Ron Predl Day in Tulsa." And oh yes, after a standing ovation by the audience in the almost-full Chapman Music Hall, the concert performance itself was dedicated to honor Ron.

People of Note

♪ Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Tulsa Alumna Debbie Watts, who recently broke her leg.

♪ Tulsa Alumna Megan Gibson recently graduated from the University of Tulsa with her PhD in English Literature, received a Postdoctoral teaching position at TU for the 2019-2020 school year, and got engaged! Congratulations on all fronts!!

♪ Congratulations to our Sigma Gamma 2018-2019 award winners and graduates. We are so very proud of you!

A Fun May Fundraiser

This year thanks to Sue Amstutz our Fraternity Education specialist and Archivist, we have enjoyed looking back at 75 years of memories made by the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter. It's now May and our final meeting of the year is May 25th. It's time to reflect and review this year's activities along with our chapter's history while enjoying a fun fundraiser activity. On page 7 of this newsletter, you will find an inventory of items, some which you probably participated in and some that were presented during fraternity education. To take part in this fundraiser, simply put a check by each item you either "did" or remember. Here's a hint.... if you need a memory boost, look in this year's Yearbook Directory. Then add up your check marks and multiply by ten cents. That will be your contribution to our 75th anniversary celebration fundraiser. You can bring your contribution to the May meeting or mail it by May 25 to Sherye Halliburton, 4113 E. 42nd St. Tulsa, OK 74135. Hooray for a wonderful 75th Anniversary celebratory year!

Celebrating Sigma Gammas at Senior Farewell

This year's Senior Farewell Luncheon, hosted by Tulsa Alumnae Chapter, took place on Saturday, April 27, where Tulsa SAI's were able to celebrate the many achievements and awards earned by Sigma Gammas this year. We are so proud of all of these ladies and the leadership, dedication, hard work, and sisterhood that they have exhibited during their time in Sigma Gamma! Here are the awards that were announced:

Sword of Honor went to:

Hope Bradford
Jesica Santino
Allison Whitelock

Ruby Sword of Honor (Province Collegiate Leadership Award) went to **Hope Bradford**.

The two past recipients of the **SAI Patronesses's Scholarship** for 2018-2019 were **Hope Bradford** and **Jesica Santino**. They were presented with framed certificates commemorating the honor.

The two recipients of the **SAI Patronesses' Scholarship** for 2019-2020 were announced. They are **Sarah Carr** and **Ariel Rodriguez**.

The **Scholastic Award** was presented to **Hope Bradford**.

The **Collegiate Honor Award** was presented to **Hope Bradford**.

The **Mary Bowles Memorial Scholarship** winner was **Alex Vest**.



Sigma Gamma Chapter



Sigma Gamma Graduating Seniors: L-R
 Hope Bradford, Holly Harper, Jamie
 Carter, Allison Whitelock, Jesica Santino



Mary Bowles Scholarship
 winner Alex Vest with Tulsa
 Alumnae president Patty
 Mandrell





Faculty Advisor Judith Raiford with 2018-2019 Patroness Award winners Hope Bradford and Ariel Rodriguez (above) and 2019-2020 Patroness Award winners Sarah Carr and Sherye Halliburton (below)



Sword of Honor recipients Hope Bradford, Jessica Santino, and Allison Whitelock

Congrats!



Scholastic Award winner Hope Bradford with Province Officer Hazel Rowena Mills



Tulsa Alumnae members Judith Raiford, Karen Gingrich, Patty Mandrell, Sherye Halliburton, and Kathy Huber



Sigma Gamma graduating seniors



*Vita Brevis
Grs Longa*

May Memories of Our 75th Anniversary

**Directions: Put a check mark by each item that relates to you. Add up the checkmarks and multiple by 10 cents.
The total is your contribution to this May Fundraiser.**

Anniversary Year Participation		Activities and Memories of Years Past	
Paid annual dues		Know why Nov. 9, 1943 is important	
Paid National association dues or are an emeritus member		Knew there were 47 charter members when Tulsa Alumnae Chapter was installed	
Attended a chapter meeting		Have ever attended a Province Day	
Served as a hostess at meeting		Have ever participated in Mayfest fundraiser	
Participated in a sing-along		Can name at least two past chapter Presidents	
Performed on a musicale		Can name our Member Laureate	
Enjoyed a Silver Bowl treat		Have attended a National Convention	
Know what Silver Bowl treat money sponsors		Have served as an officer or committee chair	
Made a donation to the Bowles Scholarship with our monthly giveaway		Remember when you first heard the Rose Song	
Enjoyed the Hideaway Pizza fundraiser		Can name at least two Distinguished Members Tulsa Alumnae initiated	
Attended the 75 th Anniversary Celebration		Can name at least two Patroness with Training members in our chapter	
Heard the premier performance of "SAI Sonatina"		Participated in Pan's Cottage Philanthropy Concert campaign	
Met Distinguished Member Jim Cohn at the 75 th celebration		Knew Annelle Chandler McAdams or recognize her name with Tulsa Alumnae	
Know who received the Sword of Honor in January		Ever sang in the Christmas Vespers with Sigma Gamma that were held for 29 years.	
Know who received the Sword of Honor in March		Knew that Tulsa Alumnae held a Children's Musicales featuring children or grandchildren of Alums	
Read the Scroll each month		Can name one member of Trio Tulsa (hint – she is still a member of our chapter)	
Know the Scroll Editor's name		Remember there was a Tulsa Patroness Chapter and name at least two members	
Know the Alum member who wrote a special song for the 75 th anniversary		Can name and Honorary Member initiated by our chapter	
Can name the chapter officers		Have ever sung or played in a Tulsa Alumnae SAI musical ensemble	
Went Christmas caroling		Ever participated in a minor instrument musicale	
Know our Province Officer's name		Ever presented a research reading on a musicale	
Know the name of our Province		Ever carpooled to a meeting	
Attended the Membership Brunch		Can name a member who is/was a public school music teacher	
Participated in the service project to supply Kappa Rho with initiation equipment		Have been a member of SAI long enough to have received a numbered-year membership certificate	
Read an article about Tulsa Alums in Tempo		Have good memories of your years in SAI	
COLUMN TOTAL		COLUMN TOTAL	
GRAND TOTAL			