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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 TV 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. Annelle 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 Tungelon 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 organisational 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.

Donothy 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!!

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Congratulations to our Sigma Gamma 2018-2019 award winners and graduates.

I We are so very proud of you!

# A Fun May Fundraser

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







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

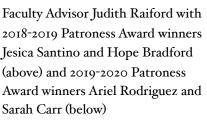
### Congrats!



Scholastic Award winner Hope Bradford with Province Officer Hazel Rowena Mills









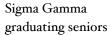






Tulsa Alumnae members Judith Raiford, Karen Gingrich, Patty Mandrell, Sherye Halliburton, and Kathy Huber







# 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 75th 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 <sup>th</sup> celebration	Knew Annelle Chandler McAdams or recognize her name with Tulsa Alumnae
Know who received the Sword of Honor in January	Ever sang is 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 Musicale 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 75th 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	