

# THE SCROLL

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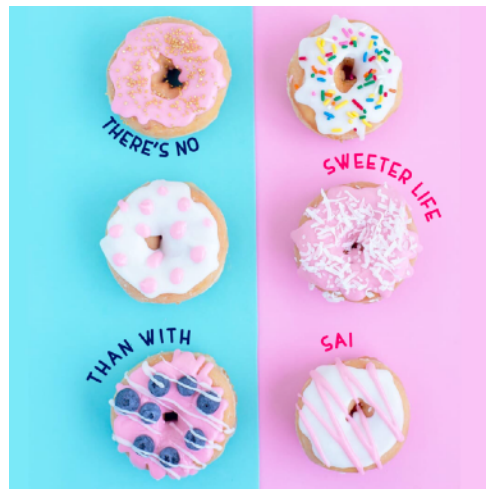
## Announcements

📢 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](mailto: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!

Tulsa Alumnae Chapter  
doesn't have any meetings this  
month, but we wish you a

Happy February!



Be sure to take a  
look at what our  
Tulsa SAIs have  
been up to and  
save the dates for  
our exciting  
upcoming events!

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# Chapter Communications

## Sigma Gamma Chapter

### Alex Vest

Since our last report, our chapter has been extremely busy preparing for the new semester. We had a great recruitment week, especially considering it was entirely virtual. Our theme, **SAI is Out of this World**, allowed for many great space-themed events and games. For our Virtual Formal Recruitment event our Vice President Membership, Rianne Brown, assembled pre-packaged “painting kits” that each current and potential member could pick up from her apartment. Our sisters had a blast as we followed a guided tutorial to help each of us paint our own unique galaxy.



## Tulsa Alumnae Chapter

### Patty Mandrell

Winter is here!

We had a terrific formal January chapter meeting, lots of laughs and sisterhood. Beth Keener and Karen Hiller put together a delightful musicale, Karen leading Holly and their church handbell choir and Beth introducing a short memorial video of SAI member Annie Glenn, wife of astronaut John Glenn, who passed away in 2020. An accomplished musician, she overcame a debilitating stutter to become a national spokeswoman for many movements and organizations... a true inspiration, and an SAI to boot.

Let's take a winter break and meet again on March 13 for virtual Province Day. Check out our commemorative t-shirt and the meeting details in the Scroll. Participating is a generous way to support the chapter. See you then.

# Fraternity Education: SAI Firsts

## “EMBLEMS, BADGES, INSIGNIA AND AWARDS”

(With a ‘tip of our hat’ to K. Marie Stolba for borrowing her title of the same name in a chapter of her book,  
*Sigma Alpha Iota: A History*)

**Our First Badge:** SAI’s member badge dates back to 1904 when Minnie Davis was given responsibility for its design. The minutes of March 7, 1904, as written by Elizabeth Campbell, state, “We celebrated the arrival of our badges. The design represents seven Pan Pipes surrounded by a jeweled band set with pearls and garnets.”

### Other Jewels and their dates of establishment:

Pledge pin	1917
Recognition pin	1919
Patroness badge	1925

**Our Coat of Arms:** Designed by Myrtle Falcon of Beta Chapter, the Sigma Alpha Iota Coat of Arms shows a sword lying in an open book. It was approved for use during the National Convention held in 1912,

### Awards and their dates of origin or first presentation:

Ring of Excellence	Beta Chapter	1906
Sword of Honor	National Convention	1926
Ruby Sword of Honor	National Convention	1953
Rose of Honor	National Convention	1962
Rose of Dedication	National Convention	1990



## Upcoming Events

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

**28 March:** Sigma Gamma Spring Initiation

**April:** Taziki’s Benenight Fundraiser (date TBD)

## People of Note

🌹 Our thoughts and condolences go out to Tulsa Alumna Sandra Hayes, whose mother Ava Schellhorn Herring died on January 28 after a hospitalization of two weeks.

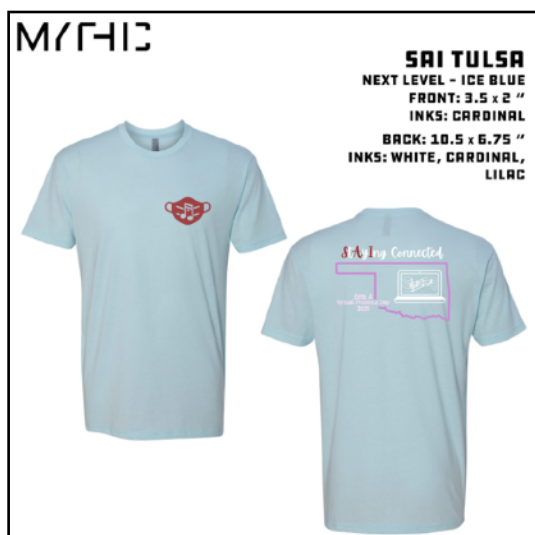
🎵 Well done to Tulsa Alumna Sue Amstutz for a terrific *Tempo!* article!

🎵 Congratulations to Sigma Gamma Iris Ramirez for being elected President of the Collegiate Oklahoma Music Educators Association board!

## Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Nominating Committee

Time for active TA members to elect our Nominating Committee. **Nominated members for Nominating Committee are Jeanne Stover, Karen Gingrich and Kathy Huber.** After elected, the Nominating Committee will put together the slate of officers for 2021-22 for chapter to consider and vote on. **Watch for two separate emails coming soon, each with instructions for voting.** Remember that any member may nominate someone from the floor for the Nominating Committee or for the slate of officers.

## Save the Date for Zeta A Virtual Province Day:



**StAyIng Connected  
Across the Plains**

**March 13, 2021  
10:00am-noon**

**Featuring NVP Alumnae Chapters,  
DR. MARY FRANCES BUSHONG!**

**\*\* Be sure to order your T-shirt today! Fill out your name, size, and chapter, and submit the following form:**

<https://forms.gle/GCJu3jAQWyrEFwit7>

**Contact [saitulsaalumnae@gmail.com](mailto:saitulsaalumnae@gmail.com) with any questions!**



Left: Sigma Gamma celebrates Recruitment Week with a virtual painting event, fitting their spring theme, "SAI is Out of This World!"



## Free Streaming Concerts to listen to this month!

### February 25: Garrick Ohlsson

See the registration information below for a free streaming concert Garrick Ohlsson is giving February 25. Sarasota Concert Association – SCA brings world-class music to the suncoast! ([scasarasota.org](http://scasarasota.org)). Check out more about Ohlsson at <https://garrickohlsson.com/>

### February 27 & 28: Tulsa Symphony

Tulsa Symphony is broadcasting their next two concerts (the first one is February 27 and 28) on 88.7 FM and streaming audio, and here is the information: <https://tulsasymphony.org/20-21-season-update/>





## New Musical From Alumna Debra Rue!

Let us invite you to a positive beginning for 2021 with a project that will prove to be an important part of our history - the 90th anniversary of the unveiling of Ponca City's Pioneer Woman Statue. Based on the twelve statues commissioned by E. W. Marland in 1928, **Debra Harden Rue** has written stories and songs for PIONEER WOMEN, a multimedia musical theatre production. The Oklahoma Kid Trick Roper will be performing with local music talent - Prairie Fire - all directed by Cara Kem Cassens. On **April 23-25, 2021 at the historic Ponca Theatre**, the statues will come to life as they represent the pioneer women who helped shape America.

This unique production is offered as part of the 100th anniversary of the Ponca City Music Club and is endorsed by the Pioneer Woman Museum, the Oklahoma State Preservation Board, the Ponca Playhouse, the Ponca City Theatre Troupe, the 101 Ranch Old Timers and other Ponca City Marland entities. Because of the great interest in this project, we are offering ads and pre-sale tickets which are tax deductible through 501c3 of the Ponca City Federated Music Club (PCFMC). If you need a special gift for someone or tax deduction, this can solve your problem!

### TRAILBLAZERS

- \$2,500 donation - Full page color ad in the program
- 8 show tickets - orchestra seats
- 8 Saturday night reception tickets
- Company logo prominently displayed on posters
- Logo on all show advertisements

### WAGON MASTERS

- \$1,500 donation - Full page black & white ad in the program
- 8 show tickets - orchestra seats
- 8 Saturday night reception tickets

### CHUCKWAGON CREW - Are you a member of one of Ponca City's pioneer families?

- \$200 donation - 4 show tickets - orchestra seats
- Half page black & white ad in honor of/in memory of family
- \$100 donation - 2 show tickets - orchestra seats
- Quarter page black & white ad in honor of/in memory of family

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday night tickets 7:30 p.m. 4/23 @ \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday night tickets 7:30 p.m. 4/24 @ \$20 Orchestra seat & post-show party - \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday matinee tickets 2:00 p.m. 4/25 @ \$20

Prices good through February 26, 2021. Tickets will be sent via USPS

Make checks payable to Ponca City Federated Music Club (PCFMC) and send to

Debra Rue - 10 East Hillcrest Drive Ponca City, OK 74604

Online ticket purchases available after March 1, 2021 @ \$25

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

We are proud of our families' Ponca City pioneer history and hope you and will join us in this fun celebration!

Jane Edwards Morris

Debra Harden Rue

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**\*Auditions for this musical will be held February 26 & 28, with callbacks on March 7.**