

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!

📢 Keep an eye out later this month for information how to pick up your yearbook!

AN OCTOBER TREAT IS COMING YOUR WAY
AND IT'S SCHEDULED THE AFTERNOON OF HALLOWEEN DAY.
COVID HAS CAUSED US TO ADJUST HOW WE MEET
SO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A VIRTUAL TREAT
OF MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP, THOUGH MILES APART
WILL GIVE OUR SAI YEAR AN UNUSUAL START.
OUR RESIDENT TECHIE, DR. MEGAN WHITLEY
WILL ARRANGE THE CONNECTION FOR US ALL TO SEE
OUR DEAR SISTERS AND FRIENDS IN SAI,
SO PLAN TO JOIN IN WITH A VIRTUAL "HI!"

Tulsa Alumnae Chapter
Virtual Meeting
Saturday, October 31st, 1 pm



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Chapter Communications

Sigma Gamma Chapter

Alex Vest

Our Sigma Gamma sisters have been extremely busy as we wrapped up our last few ceremonies in September. We initiated our last MIT and had a great Official Visit with our Province Officer, Hazel Rowena Mills. We also hosted our first virtual social event, our "SAI Art Party". Each sister was able to log into a Zoom call as we chatted and did arts and crafts together. Our next social event will be much later this month; we are hosting a virtual Halloween party for our spooky sisters along with a costume contest! As I am writing this blurb, we are in the middle of Homecoming week. This year we kept our newly annual tradition of singing the Alma Mater via Virtual Choir. Our music director, Iris Ramirez, has done a fantastic job in organizing this. As for other homecoming activities, we have paired up with Phi Mu Alpha and Alpha Phi Omega this year. So far, we have been performing really well in the competition, and we have had a blast participating! Although things are so different this year, we are still excelling as a chapter and plan on continuing our service to the community to the best of our abilities.



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter

Patty Mandrell

These are very UN-usual pandemic times but you, alumnae sisters, have AS-usual stepped up with your generous and ongoing support of our chapter. With your time and financial support we are able to continue our mission, fund our (national award winning) service projects, host our Sigma Gamma Sr Farewell Luncheon and Gift, and so importantly offer our three collegiate scholarships.

The board is trying its best to maneuver through at least spring 2021. We appreciate your patience. Any and all ideas and suggestions are welcome, let us hear from you.

We do not know when we can resume in-person meetings or caroling or scholarship auditions, things are virtual for now. Megan Whitley's expertise arranged for Sigma Gamma members to audition virtually for the Harmon Scholarship. We as individuals and as a chapter must adapt . . . no use pretending things are "normal," they aren't.

So thank you again for your patience and support. We have our annual Hideaway Pizza fundraiser in Nov and will likely repeat the Taziki's benenight in the spring. It was well received last time.

For now we'll hold a virtual chapter meeting on Oct 31. Yearbooks will be handed out in some fashion about that same time. We hope to "see" you all then.

Be well.

Fraternity Education: SAI Firsts

“The First Constitution”

(Handwritten and signed by Frances Caspari as Secretary; Reprinted in *Sigma Alpha Iota: A History* p. 505)

Constitution for S. A. I.

I. This society shall be known as the “Sigma Alpha Iota” with power to make its own constitution, laws, rules of discipline for the entire order.

II. The object of this organization shall be

I. To give all possible moral and material aid to its members by holding meetings which shall be instructional and beneficial.

II. To establish a circulating library of useful and instructive books for the use of the members of the society.

III. This society shall have officers duly elected by the members for a term of one year, who shall retain their office until their successors have been elected and qualified.

IV. The nomination, election, and installation of officers shall be made at the last meeting of each school year.

V. The business of each meeting shall be taken as follows:

I. Calling roll of officers and members

II. Reading minutes

III. Appointing committees

IV. Reports of officers

V. Reports of special committees

VI. Unfinished business

VII. New business

This order may be transposed at any time as occasion may require.

(Signed) Frances Caspari, Secretary



Upcoming Events

31 October: Tulsa Alumnae Virtual Meeting

10 November: Tulsa Alumnae Hideaway Pizza Fundraiser, 4:00-9:30pm

15 November: Sigma Gamma Fall Initiation Ceremony, 4:30pm

Chapter News & Announcements

Tulsa Alumnae Virtual Meeting-Oct 31!

Be sure to join Tulsa Alumnae for our virtual meeting on October 31 at 1:00pm! You can access the meeting at the link below, which will also be emailed out closer to the event. Feel free to join on a computer with camera and audio, or by phone for audio/microphone only. Contact Megan Whitley at saitulsaalumnae@gmail.com if you have any questions!

Join Online: meet.google.com/jdt-ynvu-ikf

Join by phone: (US) [+1 631-621-7368](tel:+16316217368) (PIN: 241058859)

If you would like to speak, sing, play, and share your recorded performance with the chapter, contact Beth at 918-770-3848 or bethkeener@cox.net! Thank you!

A Note from your treasurer



When it comes to an alumnae chapter you can rely on, Tulsa Alumnae is right at the top of the list. Chapter members adapting to the dues-paying procedure this year is very much appreciated as is the continued support of our chapter. Kudos to you all for mailing your dues in a timely manner. Even though we are not meeting as a group yet, there is still opportunity to support our chapter activities by participating in our annual fundraiser November 10th at Hideaway Pizza from 4:00 to 9:30 p.m. Once again you will be able to dine in (if you are doing that) or carry out (if you prefer to eat at home) and aid the chapter's fundraising efforts which provide funds for our service project each year. You can read further details of the event along with a flyer elsewhere in the Scroll. Even though our year's activities are being modified due to the continuation of Covid 19, we will still seek out a worthwhile service project. Our efforts last year were very much appreciated by the Tulsa Symphony and as you read in last month's Scroll, were recognized by National for excellence, receiving the Annelle Chandler

McAdams Alumnae Service Project Award for the 2019-20 fraternity year in Category 3. I want to encourage every member to take part in our November fundraising effort so that we once again can fund another worthwhile project this year. Mark your calendar now and plan to dine in or out on November 10th.

Announcements

Need more SAI swag?

Rustic Cuff now has an SAI bracelet! Check it out at:
<https://www.rusticcuff.com/collections/sigma-alpha-lota>.
 Thanks to Kathy Huber for the heads up!



Notes from President Leslie Odom Miller

The National Executive Board is committed to embracing our members' diversity and to making our Fraternity more inclusive. There is much work to be done to ensure that our fraternity is a positive environment where all members feel included, respected, and celebrated. Our hope is that the scope of our new Director of Diversity and Inclusion will meet the needs of our members while functioning within the context of our mission to encourage, nurture, and support the art of music. . . .

The path forward may not be smooth, but then change never comes easy. Things may look and feel different this year, but we can find strength and purpose in our National Objectives.

Cindy Harmon Scholarship Awarded

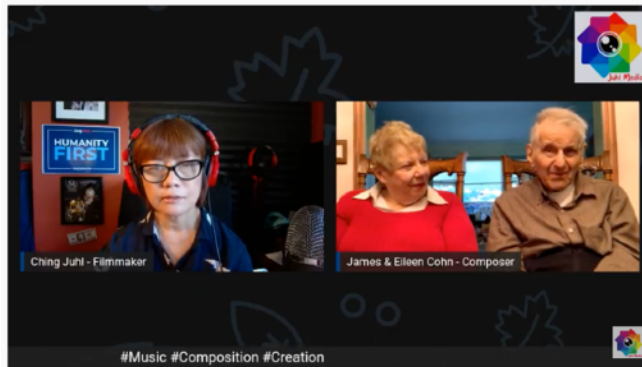
- Congratulations to **Iris Ramirez**, the 2019-2020 recipient of
- the Cindy Harmon Memorial Scholarship, and to **Alex Vest**
- for Honorable Mention. We are so proud of your
- musicianship and all you have done for SAI!



Member News

Interview with James Cohn

James Cohn, National Arts Associate initiated by Tulsa Alumnae Chapter in 1998, and his wife Eileen appeared in an hour-long YouTube interview with Ching Chen Juhl of New York City on Wednesday, October 14. Tulsa SAIs will recall that Jim and Eileen journeyed to



Tulsa in February of 2019 to join with our chapter in celebration of our 75th Anniversary. Highlight of that occasion was the premier performance of Jim's composition which we commissioned, "SAI Sonatina".

The YouTube interview, conducted by Ms. Juhl (pictured at left) featured conversation, excerpts from several of Jim's compositions as recorded on CDs, and a review of Jim's musical biography from childhood to his current status as a gifted composer. Even those of us who know the Cohns well, learned interesting new facts about his life and experiences.

The interviewer, Ching Chen Juhl, has a meritorious resume . . . she is a violist and part of the Juhl String Trio, a filmmaker, educator, and producer. These interviews she presents weekly can be viewed on her YouTube website.

View the interview at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5n7NyOcL14>

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Moving around Tulsa:

Best Wishes to Alumna **Megan Whitley** who has moved to a new house in North Tulsa and to alumna **Sherye Halliburton** who has moved to a new house in South Tulsa! Catch their new addresses in the upcoming yearbook!

Join us in congratulating our sisters:

If you would like to send cards to **Debbie Watts** on her acceptance and start of medical school, or to **Poornima Ravi** on the birth of her son, please send them to the following addresses:

Debbie Watts: P. O. Box 12074,
Fort Smith, AR 72917

Poornima Ravi: 8270 Meadow
Road, #4315, Dallas, TX 75231

Congrats to Iris Ramirez on winning the Cindy Harmon Scholarship! Congrats also to **Alex Vest** for Honorable Mention!

