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Announcements

The February 2019 Tulsa Alumnae meeting will mark the celebration of Tulsa Alumnae's 75th anniversary! All are welcome! Please RSVP ASAP for this historic celebration of our chapter! See details on p. 5. If any members would like to attend but don't have transportation, please let a board member know and we will help make arrangements.

Sigma Gammas, please consider applying for the Mary Bowles Scholarship and/ or the Cindy Harmon Scholarship this year! Keep a look out for applications, which should be available soon!

Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting Saturday, 26 January 1:00 pm

Location:

Home of Debbie Watts 9732 S. 99th E. Ave., Tulsa

January Musicale:

"Tulsa's Influence: Arts to Aircraft"

Karen Hiller Tracy Crow and Anne Mocha SAI String Quartet

Hostesses

Debbie Watts Jeanne Stover Janet Hyne

Keep up with our Tulsa chapters online!

Tulsa Alumnae:

Website: saitulsaalumnae.wixsite.com/saitulsa

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Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications

Amber Bunnag-Stoner

Sigma Gamma is back and better than ever in 2019 and we're planning a lot for this semester! During our last chapter meeting, we began rehearsing music for our chapter recital, which will be on February 28 in Meinig Hall! It's the first time in a few years that Sigma Gamma has done our own private recital, so we're all really excited and I'm looking forward to hearing the wide variety of talent our chapter will present. This week, we also began to prepare for our recruitment week, which will begin on January 22. We hope to see a lot of interested girls attending these events! We have three girls who are studying abroad this semester—Ashley, Alexis, and Carrie and we'll miss them a lot! Overall, I'm feeling really optimistic about our busy semester and I hope everything goes great!





Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications

Patty Mandrell

Lots happening for Alums this first half of 2019. Besides monthly meetings we'll celebrate our chapter's one and only 75th anniversary with a catered luncheon. Distinguished Member Jim Cohn and his wife Eileen will be attending. Jim has composed a special piece for the occasion which will be performed by chapter members during the musicale. This spring we'll also present our service project, award the Bowles Scholarship and Harmon Scholarship, sponsor the Sigma Gamma Sr. Luncheon, and man the traditional SAI ticket booth at our annual Mayfest fundraiser. And it all begins with our January 26 chapter meeting—hope to see you at Debbie's!

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" 'Movers and Shakers':

Tulsa Alumnae's Valued Matriarchs [and one Patriarch]"

Florence and Albert Lukken

Old-timers in music circles in Tulsa will instantly recognize the names Florence and Albert Lukken. Florence, an initiate of SAI's Beta Chapter, sponsored Sigma Gamma as the chapter's faculty advisor during the 1930s. Assistant professor of voice, Florence possessed a stunning mezzo contralto voice. She was soloist at Tulsa's First Presbyterian Church for many years. A biographical article about Florence appears on page 349 of the May 1935 issue of *Pan Pipes*. When Tulsa Alumnae Chapter was installed in 1943, Florence became a Charter member. Albert Lukken was Dean of the School of Music at TU for over three decades. In December of 1946, Albert was elected Supreme President of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. His photo appears on page 172 of the February 1947 issue of *Pan Pipes* in his role as Sinfonia president. During his term in office, Albert emphasized the importance of American music and its prominent role in the 20th century. Due to the Lukkens' valuable assistance and encouragement, Sigma Gamma Chapter was installed at TU in 1924.

Upcoming Events

17 January: Concerts with Commentary: German Romantics: Brahms and Spohr, 7:30pm, Meinig Recital Hall

22 January: Sigma Gamma Recruitment, 7:30pm, Mayo SAC

23 January: Sigma Gamma Recruitment, 7:30pm, Lorton PAC, Room 2060

24 January: Sigma Gamma Recruitment, 7:30pm, Lorton PAC, Room 2060

25 January: Sigma Gamma Recruitment, 7:30pm, ACSU Chouteau Room

26 January: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting, 1:00pm, Home of Debbie Watts

27 January: Sigma Gamma Formal Meeting, 8:00pm, Meinig Recital Hall

1 February: Sigma Gamma Pledging Ceremony, 6:30pm, Meinig Recital Hall

23 February: Tulsa Alumnae Luncheon and 75th Anniversary Celebration, 12:00pm, Church of St. Mary's

4 February: Sigma Gamma Formal Meeting, 8:00pm, Meinig Recital Hall

28 February: Sigma Gamma Recital, 7:30pm, Meinig Recital Hall

30 March: Mary Bowles and Cindy Harmon Scholarship Auditions, 11:00am, UUMC

30 March: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting, 1:00pm, UUMC

7 April: Sigma Gamma Initiation, Time TBD, Meinig Recital

27 April: Senior Spring Luncheon, 10:30am, Boston Avenue Methodist Church

27 April: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting, 1:00pm, Home of Anna Norberg

16-19 May: Mayfest

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



9 Pec: Holly Harper (SG) 12 Pec: Ashley Silver (SG) 16 Pec: Sue Amstutz (TA) 9 Jan: Mary Hargrave (TA)

10 Jan: Jessica Helt (TA)

13 Jan: Rachel Wallis (SG)
15 Jan: Kassidy Everett (SG)

16 Jan: Jesica Santino (SG), Peggy

Cooper (TA)

29 Jan: Judith Raiford (TA)

Sigma Gamma News

ZAI SPRING RECRUITMENT

BROADWAY BELT-OFF

Karaoke Night! Jan 22nd @ 7:30pm MAYO SAC

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Game Night! Jan 24th @ 7:30pm LPC 2060

ANTI-BURN BOOK CRAFT NICHT

Scrapbook Making! Jan 23rd @ 7:30pm LPC 2060

NIGHT AT THE TOKY AWARDS

Formal Recruitment! Jan 25th @ 7:30pm ACSU Chouteau Room

This semester our recruitment theme is "Broadway." Tuesday night is "Broadway Belt-Off," an informal karaoke night.

Wednesday is "Anti-Burn Book Craft Night" where we will be crafting scrapbooks (or "anti-burn books") based on the musical *Mean Girls*. Thursday night is "Annie Get Your Game Night," a game night with a punny title. And finally our formal recruitment event is Friday evening and is a "Night at the Tony Awards."

Member Spotlight



Allison Whitelock

BA Music w/ a Minor in Education Graduates May 2019

Vice President of Membership and Chair of Recruitment Committee

Favorite Thing about SAI: "I love how supportive everyone has been through all of the chaos that has been my college career and how devoted our sisters are to supporting our community"

Favorite thing about Recruitment: "It makes my heart so happy to get to meet girls who share our love of music and to be able to share our amazing sisterhood with them!"

PHILANTHPOPY

This year we will be supporting the bART Center for Music located in Tulsa, OK! As usual, we will be raising funds through our annual philanthropy dinner to go towards their outreach programs for kids who can't afford music lessons. In addition, two of our Sigma Gamma sisters will be pioneering a new chorus program at the bART! This program will be free for the students and will serve as a community outreach group, performing in retirement communities and giving a free concert for the public. Look for more information on our awesome projects to come!



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SAI TULSA ALUMNAE IS CELEBRATING ITS

75TH ANNIVERSARY!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENT COMMEMORATING THIS MILESTONE

23 FEB. 2019 12:00 PM

CHURCH OF ST. MARY 1347 E. 49TH PL, TULSA

Highlights include:

Lunch catered by well-known Tulsa chef, Michael Fusco
Display of Archival items from our 1943 chartering
Special 75th Anniversary Ritual
Musicale featuring some of our Distinguished Members

Musicale featuring some of our Distinguished Members Sing-a-long feat. new song by Barb Derby: "SAI-Tulsa Alumnae-Seventy-Five"

Premiere performance of our 75th Anniversary commissioned work by Composer/National Arts Associate James Cohn: "S.A.I. Sonatina"

To reserve your spot, please send \$5 per person to Sherye Halliburton, 4113 E. 42nd St., Tulsa, OK 74135, along with an RSVP form by **5 February 2019**. You can access this form entirely online or download a version to print out and mail to Sherye. Check email or website for more details. Alumnae members are welcome to give money and RSVPs to Sherye at the January meeting.

All guests are welcome to this event, so please bring along any friends, significant others, etc. Just make sure to RSVP!

We look forward to seeing you all there and celebrating this exciting milestone for our chapter!

Questions? Email saitulsaalumnae@gmail.com

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Tulsa Alumnae members went Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 8 at Brookdale Midtown and The Villages at Southern Hills. Accompanied by Karen Hiller on the piano, we were able to bring some festive cheer to joyful audiences who joined us in song! Pictured left to right are Megan Gibson, Sherye Halliburton, Karen Hiller, Patty Mandrell, Aileen Todd, Sue Amstutz, and Beth Keener.

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☐ Sigma Gamma's joint recital on December 1st was a huge success! Thank you
to all who attended!

A Karen Hiller's mother, Ann Gibbs, passed away on October 20th. She hosted several alumnae meetings at her home. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers continue to be with Karen and her family.

Concerts with Commentary: German Romantics: Brahms and Spohr

January 17 @ 7:30 pm, Meinig Recital Hall

The University of Tulsa School of Music Concerts with Commentary presents clarinetist Kristi Sturgeon, soprano Meray Boustani and pianist Stuart Deaver in an evening of German romanticism.

Featured will be Brahms Sonata No. 1 in f minor and Spohr's Six German Songs.

–SAZ Tulsa Alumnae Has a New Website Design!—

In honor of our 75th anniversary, Tulsa Alumnae's website has



had a redesign, some updates, and a few new features, including resources for

graduates who might be interested in affiliating with Tulsa Alumnae or another SAI Alumnae chapter.

Please check out our new website and let us know what you think!

Fundraiser News

November 13 proved to be a successful fundraising day for Tulsa Alumnae Chapter. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by those attending the annual dining out fundraiser at Hideaway Pizza. Thanks to all who participated by dining it, carrying out, or making a donation to the fundraiser. Our total for a wonderful evening's fundraising was \$103.62. What an easy and delicious way to earn funds for our service project. A big THANK YOU to you all!