




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!

Celebrate the New Year with Tulsa Alumnae!

Join us for our



Tulsa Alumnae January Virtual Meeting

January 30, 2021

1:00pm

Tulsa Alumnae:

Website: saitulsaalumnae.com

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Website: saisigmagamma.org

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Chapter Communications

Sigma Gamma Chapter

Alex Vest

After a restful break our chapter will meet for the first time this semester on January 24. We have also planned our Spring Recruitment, SAI is Out of this World, on January 25! We are so excited to get to know our potential MITs. Due to COVID we are unfortunately not able to meet in person for the first two weeks of school, but we hope to be as productive as ever, regardless. Although so many things have changed in the past year, our chapter will continue to move forward in 2021 and dedicate ourselves to music and our community.



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter

Patty Mandrell

A new year, a new semester and new challenges await us in 2021. From our national stage to little ol' Tulsa Alumnae we can and will step up.

Spring 2021 will be much like spring 2020 for TA in no person-to-person meetings or luncheons or Mayfest. Hopefully spring 2022 will see us back on a "normal" schedule, celebrating at the 2022 national convention.

Though we can't meet in person there are still ways to enrich and support our chapter: attend the few virtual meetings this semester, submit a video for a musicale, support our fundraisers, "join us" for virtual Province Day. Alas, there is the uncertainty about Mayfest. Though it is scheduled for May 7-9 its cancellation, or understandable reluctance of members to volunteer, would once again cancel its healthy financial infusion into our scholarship funds.

Your time and financial support are critical and much valued and will keep our chapter viable and going strong... and will enrich you, too! Take to heart the words of St Francis "... For it is in giving that we receive."

Be well.

Fraternity Education: SAI Firsts

“First Publications: Communicating with Our Membership”

(As described in *Sigma Alpha Iota: A History* pages 452, 456, & 465)

I. THE FIRST YEARBOOK

Published in 1909, the first Yearbook contained the Constitution and Bylaws of Sigma Alpha Iota, a short history of SAI, names of the Seven Founders, a list of the Honorary Members of SAI, a list of the past presidents, a list of the chapters in existence in 1909 with a brief history of each, and the Minutes of the 1909 Convention which had been held in Chicago.

II. THE FIRST PAN PIPES

Volumes 1, #1, was published in November 1909, with #2, #3, and #4 published in 1910. The National Editor was Irma Himelburger of Beta Chapter. The first volume contained seventeen pages. SAI's journal began as a way of keeping in touch with graduates and others who were no longer at the chapter's school. News included concert reviews, social events, and personal happenings (travel, weddings, birth announcements and similar topics.) Early editions usually included articles dealing with musical events of importance in the US or abroad.

III. THE FIRST SONGBOOK

SAI's first songbook appeared in 1912 but was not printed for general distribution until 1922 or 1923, depending on the early copy one owned. The first mention of the songbook took place during the National Convention in 1909. Each chapter was asked to submit five songs, three of which were to be original, ready to be sung at the 1910 convention. In 1912, the first printed Song Book was authorized and passed out. It had six songs on eleven pages. Only one copy which is believed to have been owned by Nora Crane Hunt still exists, a coverless frazzled edition now enshrined in SAI's national historical files.



Upcoming Events

25-29 January: Sigma Gamma Recruitment Week

30 January: Tulsa Alumnae Virtual Meeting

5 February: Sigma Gamma Pledging Ceremony

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



In Memoriam

Marcie Richardson

March 1, 1956 - December 21, 2020

Marcia "Marcie" Ann Richardson, former National Executive Board member, passed away on Monday, December 21, 2020 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Marcie was initiated into Gamma Mu Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota at Arizona State University in 1975. At ASU, Marcie majored in Piano Accompanying. She went on to earn a

Master of Music degree in Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, after which she did postgraduate work in Austria at The Franz Schubert Institute and The American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz.

After graduating from ASU, Marcie affiliated with the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter. In 2003, Marcie affiliated with the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter, and lastly with the Memphis Alumnae Chapter, where she was instrumental in the rechartering of the chapter. Marcie served as Omega C Province Officer (2003-2006) and Psi C Province Officer (2008-2009). An outstanding pianist, she was the Official Convention Accompanist for several of our National Conventions. At the 2009 National Convention in Illinois, Marcie was elected as National Vice President, Extension and served from 2009-2015.

Awarded the Sword of Honor in 1977, Marcie was recognized for her continuing work in the Fraternity by receiving the Rose of Honor, the Rose of Dedication, and the Rose of Constancy.

During Marcie's nine years in office, she installed 28 collegiate chapters and 4 alumnae chapters. We are grateful to Marcie for her outstanding service and dedication to our Fraternity. She will be sorely missed.

Condolences may be sent to Marcie's family, care of:

Amy Blunt (sister)
10736 E. Hope Dr.
Scottsdale, AZ 85259

-adapted from letter written by Leslie Odom Miller

Save the Date for Zeta A Virtual Province Day:

Zeta A
Virtual Province Day
2021



StAyIng Connected

Across the Plains

March 13, 2021

Featuring NVP Alumnae Chapters, DR. MARY FRANCES BUSHONG!

News & Announcements

Tulsa Alumnae Virtual Meeting January 30!

Be sure to join Tulsa Alumnae for our virtual meeting on January 30 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/gwu-hzar-gjt

Join by phone: (US) +1 475-441-4633 (PIN: 159254703)



Charlie Powell with two of his family members.

Note from Tulsa Alumnae Karen Gingrich

Last August Gordon, my husband, and I visited Charlie Powell, Jodi Powell's widower and 'Friend of the Arts', in his home in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. That's a suburb of Denver. We took him to lunch at Denny's, which was close to his house. He was doing well and planning a knee replacement. His surgery was successful. He's still practicing his clarinet and was taking dance lessons before the Covid outbreak. He said he and Jodi used to go dancing a lot in younger days.



Tulsa Alumnae, Let us Hear from You!

We want to include more members in the program for our January 30 meeting!

Please let Beth know at 918-770-3848 or bethkeener@cox.net if you are able to make a video of yourself playing an instrument, singing, or talking about something musical! Maybe now is the time to show us how you are trying out a new instrument, or you could tell us about something that interests you in the musical world. The Loom and Screencastify videos are easy to make and share!

We are also looking for 1-2 singers to sing a cappella the formal opening and closing for our meeting. Please contact Sue Amstutz (d-s-amstutz@cox.net) if you would like to participate in our meeting this way!

LAST CALL! Yearbook Directory Distribution

There are still a few unclaimed 2020-2021 Tulsa Yearbooks.

If you are a member who was unable to participate in the drive-by this past November, you can email Sherye (Sherye@cox.net), she will be happy to leave your directory in an envelope on her front porch which you can pick up by driving through the circle drive. Just let her know when you'll be coming.

OR, if a drive-by isn't on your things-to-do list or you're a safer at home person, you can mail \$1.40 in postage to Sherye (4305 E. 87th St. Tulsa, OK 74137) and she will gladly mail your directory to you. Make plans now to receive your copy of this year's directory!



People of Note

🎵 Check out Sue Amstutz's article in the latest *Tempo*! Great work!

