

THE SCROLL

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

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!



Tulsa Alumnae,

We would love to have virtual performances and talks to share this fall!

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!

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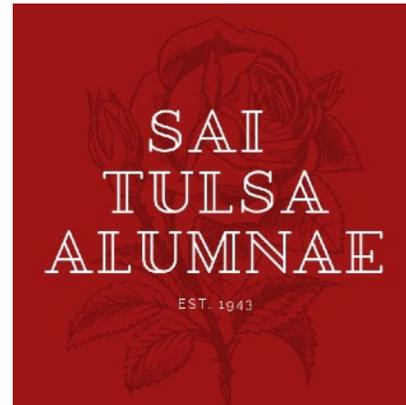
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Chapter Communications

Sigma Gamma Chapter

Alex Vest

With school back in session, Sigma Gamma is busier than ever during September! Our officers have been working tirelessly to continue chapter business as “normal” this semester due to restrictions under COVID-19. Our recruitment will be both virtual and in person, and many possible MITs have already expressed interest in joining our organization. We also conducted our “Make-Up” initiation ceremony for the Spring 2020 MIT class. Other events for Sigma Gamma this month include the first ever virtual Cindy Harmon Scholarship Auditions, pledging, and virtual social events. We are so excited to be together again (in person and virtually) as sisters in our hardworking organization.



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter

Patty Mandrell

Welcome back, Alumnae members and friends. Here's hoping you continue to stay safe and healthy during these unsure pandemic times. We are all making adjustments to our lives, both within SAI and out.

Following many other local music groups the Board has decided to cancel all in-person chapter meetings through the end of 2020. TU is not scheduling any live performances this semester, as well our Christmas caroling has been cancelled. Hopefully we will have at least one virtual chapter meeting to maintain contact with one another. And how about virtual musicales? We hope to schedule our traditional restaurant fundraiser in November. With no Silver Bowl or Mayfest monies coming in last spring it has made current receipts from dues and fundraisers all the more crucial for chapter livelihood. Long live Tulsa Alumnae!

Editor Megan Whitley has issued another terrific Scroll with lots of good news about Alumnae and Sigma Gamma comings and goings. Enjoy.

And thank you for being considerate of your fellow humans and helping curb the spread of COVID-19. For now live the three Ws: Wear a mask, Wash your hands, Watch your distance. It will help us get back to our traditional lives and SAI activities all the sooner.

Be well.

Fraternity Education: SAI Firsts

“Minutes of SAI’s First Meeting” June 12, 1903

“Miss Campbell was appointed chairman of the organizing committee.
Miss Davis was nominated and elected President.
Miss Campbell was nominated and elected Vice President.
Miss Caspari was nominated and elected Secretary.

The name chosen for our sorority is Sigma Alpha Iota and our motto ‘Art Improvement Society’.
It was moved and seconded that our initiation fee be \$5.00 and our dues be \$1.00 per year.
The first Monday evening of each month was chosen for meetings.

The committee appointed on laws and rules:
Miss Campbell, chairman
Miss Farlin
Miss Caspari

Our sorority colors are red and white and our flower the red rose.

Charter members
Miss Minnie Minton Davis
Miss Elizabeth Alma Campbell
Miss Georgina Potts
Miss Mary Storrs
Miss Nora Crane Hunt
Miss Frances Eleanor Caspari
Miss Leila Hortense Farlin

Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet in the fall.

Georgina Potts, Secretary Pro Tem”

SAI participates in safety study on performing arts in COVID-19 pandemic

| Sigma Alpha Iota is participating in a study on the risks of performing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many organizations
| have joined forces to commission scientific studies at the University of Colorado and University of Maryland to examine
| aerosol rates produced by wind instrumentalists, vocalists, and actors and how quickly those rates accumulate in classrooms
| and performance venues.

| For more information, see *Pan Pipes*, vol. 112, no. 4, summer 2020, page 7, or the National Federation of State High School
| Associations website, www.nfhs.org/articles/performing-arts-covid-19-resources/.

Chapter News & Announcements

Sigma Gamma, Tulsa Alumnae win national, province awards

Sigma Alpha Iota recently announced that Sigma Gamma Chapter and Tulsa Alumnae Chapter won the national service project awards and the province achievement awards in their respective categories. Sigma Gamma won the national Collegiate Service Project Award in Category 2, based on the number of members in the chapter. This is the third consecutive time the chapter has won this award and the fourth time since 2012. Sigma Gamma's winning service project was founding and rehearsing (for the second year) a youth choir at the bART Center in downtown Tulsa which gave one performance at the BOK before the pandemic shutdown.

Tulsa Alumnae won the Annelle Chandler McAdams Alumnae Service Project Award in Category 3 for its project, funding virtual private lessons for students and adults with members of Tulsa Symphony Orchestra last spring. This benefited the students and the orchestral musicians who were suddenly out of work.

Sigma Gamma and Tulsa Alumnae continued with their service projects even during the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused some changes in plans.

Each of the two chapters will receive a certificate and a check for \$100.

In addition, in Zeta A Province, Sigma Gamma received the College Chapter Achievement Award, and Tulsa Alumnae received the Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award for outstanding fulfillment of the SAI national objectives in 2019-2020.

Dues Reminder for Tulsa Alumnae!

As we continue to navigate through the Covid 19 world, even our SAI chapter is having to revise some of our traditions. One of these traditions is collecting dues for the upcoming year at our May meeting and then again at the membership brunch in August. Of course neither of those two events happened. Therefore *each member* will be required to take on the responsibility of **mailing** her dues to treasurer Sherye Halliburton **4305 E. 87th St. Tulsa, OK 74137 (please note change of address)**.

Since everyone will be using the postal system to pay dues **NO** reminder notices with an accompanying stamped remittance envelope will be sent out this year. So, if you plan to continue your membership with Tulsa Alumnae, **now is the time to mail in your dues (active \$25 or associate \$10). Dues are due by SEPTEMBER 25** so that our membership roll can be verified with our chapter roster at National.

A special THANK YOU to those who have already responded by sending in your dues after receiving the dues reminder email. Your continued commitment to the chapter is very much appreciated.

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Scholarship Opportunity for Sigma Gammas!

The Lucinda "Cindy" Harmon Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a non-senior member of Sigma Gamma in good standing. Applicants must fill out an application and perform an audition for scholarship consideration, to be judged by Tulsa Alumnae Scholarship Committee members. This scholarship was established by Cindy's husband, John, at her death in 2018.

Applications are now available from the Sigma Gamma Chapter President. Auditions will take place via video recording this year, due to the current pandemic situation. More information on how to upload videos will follow.

Deadlines for applications are as follows: Letters of Recommendation due to Prof. Judy Raiford by September 28; Applications/music copies due by September 28; Audition video recordings due October 3.

Sigma Gammas, please consider applying for this special scholarship. As alumna Aileen Todd testifies, "I was awarded Tulsa Alumnae scholarship 54 years ago and it made such a difference in my life. In addition to much needed financial help, it gave me the boost of confidence I needed to pursue music as my life's work." We are excited to host these scholarships this fall (only a semester late!) and look forward to seeing your applications and listening to your auditions!

Experience *Rigoletto* Under the Stars

Tulsa Opera will open its 2020-21 season on Friday, October 9, 7:30pm with a special semi-staged, outdoor performance of Verdi's *Rigoletto* on the baseball diamond at ONEOK Field!

More About This Production:

This family-friendly presentation will have the cast performing from first, second, third, and home base, all projected on the jumbotron in this 85-minute performance. The cast includes Sarah Coburn as Gilda, Joshua Wheeler as the Duke, Todd Thomas as Rigoletto, Morris Robinson as Sparafucile, Allegra De Vita as Maddalena, and Kevin Thompson as Monterone. And yes, the event will be socially distanced for your safety. Please remember to wear your mask!

General admission tickets are just \$25, while kids 12 and under are absolutely free. Or, get a family five-pack for \$50! Order your tickets online or call 918-582-3133. The ticket office is open from 9am-1:30pm Monday-Friday. Club and Suite seating is also available by phone.

Enjoy opera under the stars complete with the full ONEOK Field experience: hot dogs, soda, beer, and of course, fireworks!



Member News

Abigail Raiford performs in virtual musicale with New York Alumnae Chapter

Abigail Raiford, a University of Tulsa graduate and Sigma Gamma initiate, was one of the members of the New York Alumnae Chapter who performed on the annual American musicale, held this year on Zoom. See photos and article, "Sisterhood at a Social Distance," in *Pan Pipes*, vol. 112, no. 4, summer 2020, pages 6-7.

New Book from Sharon Doty!

Sharon Womack Doty, former director SAI Philanthropies, has written a book, *Widowoman — A Journey*, based on her experiences since her husband's death in 2011 and what it is like to be a widow in our society.

She says, "This story is my journey through an enlightening and sometimes startling discovery

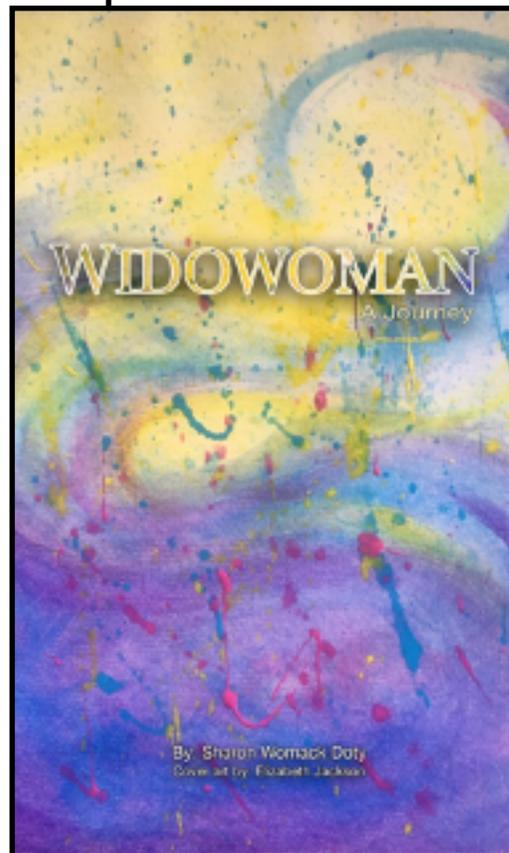
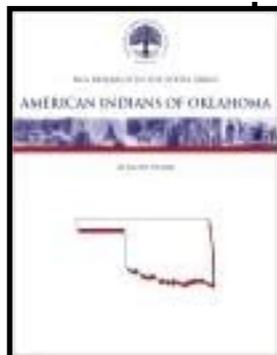
of a hidden subculture in our society called 'widowhood' and how society unknowingly directs women who lose a spouse into this role." She continues, "I am committed to make a difference for widows, their friends and families, and

Kathy Huber's New Booklet!

Congratulations to **Kathy Huber**, whose booklet, *American Indians of Oklahoma*, was featured in the book review column of the *Goingsnake Messenger*, volume 37, number 1, in June 2020. The 40-page paperback booklet, issued in 2017, is in the "Research in the States" series published by the National Genealogical Society in Arlington, Virginia. It discusses the history of Indian Territory, tribal removals, tribal rolls, and locations of resources that are available for research.

Kathy is head of the Genealogy Center of the Tulsa City-County Library System and gives classes and talks on genealogy.

American Indians of Oklahoma is available for sale at the Talbot Library and Museum in Colcord. The *Goingsnake Messenger* is published twice a year by the Goingsnake District Heritage Association in Westville. Goingsnake is one of the



Member News

New Baby for Tulsa Alumna

Those of you who were around in SAI from 2009 till 2013 may remember Poornima Ravi. Word has come to us via National Honorary Member Linda Roark-Strummer that on September 1, 2020, Poornima became the mother of a fine new baby son. Poornima was married in the summer of 2019 in an elaborate two-day ceremony in Italy. One day's festivities included a traditional church sacrament, while the second day featured an Indian ceremony representing Poornima's ancestral heritage. Distinguished Members Peter and Linda Strummer were present for the two days which marked the marriage of their protégé.

Poornima is a 2009 initiate of Sigma Gamma Chapter at TU where she served as chapter president in 2009-2010. She affiliated with Tulsa Alumnae Chapter in 2010 and remained an active member through 2013, serving as Programs Vice President in 2011-2012.

Tulsa SAIs send our love, best wishes, and bouquets of "virtual" red roses to Poornima and her family as they welcome the new baby to their home.



Summer Yard Visitors

Two spectacular Luna Moths stopped by Alumna Patty Mandrell's back porch.

With a five-inch wingspan they were quite impressive. Adult Lunas live only about a week, without eating, existing only to mate and produce eggs... Rebirth.

