

The Scroll

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The Official Sigma Alpha Iota Newsletter of
Tulsa Alumnae Chapter, Tulsa Patroness Chapter, and Sigma Gamma Chapter at the University of Tulsa
Region 2, Zeta A Province
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Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting and Musicale April 23, 2016 1:00 pm

Location:

Boston Avenue Methodist Church
1301 South Boston, Tulsa
Rose Parlor*

**Enter at either the north or south church door, go up the stairs,
and the Rose Parlor is at the top on the right*

Musicale & Performers:

*"Music Shelters and Calms Us:
Healing and Positive Energy"*

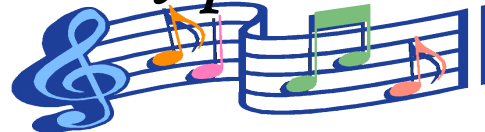
Tracy Crow
Kara Street
Anne Mocha
Abby Raiford

Hostesses:

Tracy Crow
Karen Hiller
Karen Gingrich

Tuesdays at Trinity presents Concert

April 19



Tulsa Alumnae members Karen Gingrich and Karen Hiller will be performing a concert for "Tuesdays at Trinity." The concert will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church on Tuesday, April 19 at 12:05 pm. Trinity Episcopal is located in downtown Tulsa at 6th and Cincinnati. Come support our sisters in

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Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications, Makayla West



we can't wait for the senior luncheon!

We are quickly wrapping up our school year. We just hosted our philanthropy dinner for the semester and had a great time! Several sisters have been giving recitals and performing with the campus and community ensembles. Eight of us were able to attend Province Day, and we had a fabulous time! Our initiation ceremony will be held on April 16 at 3pm in the Lorton Performance Center in Mienig Recital Hall. We would love to see anyone who can make it come support our 7 MITs. Thank you so much for all of your support this year, and

Tulsa Patroness Chapter Communications, Sue Shadley

By now everyone has received invitations to the Spring Luncheon. Reservations are due by April 22, with checks for \$20 made out to "SAI Patronesses" and sent to Sue Shadley, 5111 S. Kingston Ave., Tulsa, OK 47135. Many thanks to those who have sent in donations to help with Luncheon expenses. I hope to see many of you there on April 30!

Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications, Patty Mandrell

April and May are full of Alumnae activities. Zeta A Province Day 2016, hosted by OSU's Iota Alpha Chapter, was a great success. Four Tulsa Alumnae members attended as well as Province Officer Rowena Mills. Members from Sigma Gamma, Kappa Rho, Dallas and Edmond were on hand to help celebrate our sisterhood and commemorate Iota Alpha's 75th anniversary. It's our turn to host next year!



The Service Project Committee headed by Barb Derby is delivering 25 recorders to the 4th grade class at Union's Rosa Parks Elementary. Several Board members went with Barb to the school to make the presentation, which was extremely well received.

Auditions for the Mary Bowles Scholarship are Saturday, April 23. Lots of Sigma Gamma talent will be on hand vying for the \$1000 award. Our April meeting follows immediately after. May 14 brings our salad brunch of the season and finally, May 19-22 is MAYFEST! Please remember to sign up to help man our SAI ticket booth. An hour or two of your time for the year reaps your chapter a huge reward in fundraising money. If you haven't participated in chapter activities this year, break the habit and come join in the fun.



Zeta A Province Day 2016

Zeta A Province Day was held at Oklahoma State University on Saturday, April 2 and was hosted by the Iota Alpha chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota. Iota Alpha also celebrated their 75th anniversary at Province Day with many of their sisters around them! Several Sigma Gamma and Tulsa Alumnae members were in attendance in Stillwater. It was an extremely fun-filled day for SAIs in Zeta A!



Zeta A Province Officer, Hazel Rowena Mills, presenting letters from National President Leslie Odom and Region 2 Officer Ginger Patterson.



Iota Alpha 75 year rededication ceremony.



Tulsa Alumnae members Nicole Schultz Brown, Jessica Rasley, President Patty Mandrell, and Karen Gingrich.



Sigma Gamma members at Zeta A Province Day.



Meet Mary Bowles

Fraternity Education with Sue Amstutz

To recent initiates of Sigma Alpha Iota, the name Mary Bowles denotes a much appreciated scholarship awarded annually to a member of Sigma Gamma Chapter from the Tulsa Alumnae. To those of us with lengthier membership, Mary was the sister we lost under the most tragic of circumstances. An initiate of Sigma Gamma, Mary served Tulsa Alumnae as president in 1965 - 1966. Her real talent, drawn from her professional life as a banker, was as chapter treasurer. The alumnae members never had to worry about the chapter's financial affairs while Mary was in charge of the bookkeeping and money management. That came to an end on September 7, 1999, when Mary left the parking facility at Promenade Mall. She was carjacked by two men and driven to a secluded, lonely part of North Tulsa County. She was fatally shot, along with a gentleman who had inadvertently stumbled onto the crime scene, and in trying to help Mary, lost his own life. The newspapers were full of reports of the tragedy, including lengthy articles relating to the trials of the two perpetrators, their appeals of the death sentences imposed upon them, and continued legal maneuvering even to this day. The two felons who so cruelly took Mary's life remain on Death Row at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester. The loss of Mary remains an open wound to Tulsa and to SAIs who knew and loved her. Each Memorial Day, a red rose from her Tulsa Alumnae sisters is placed on Mary's grave. We trust that somehow she knows we still care, still mourn for her, but honor her through the scholarship which bears her name.

Website Launch



The Tulsa Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota is pleased to announce the launch of our new website! Please visit us at:

saitulsaalumnae.wix.com/saitulsa

You can find information about our chapter, upcoming events, back issues of *The Scroll*, and scholarship details. It is also accessible from any mobile device with internet access.

Our website will soon be linked to our chapter on the National Headquarters website, so SAIs who move to the Tulsa area can easily find us! We are very excited about our new site and are eager to hear what you think!

dates to Remember

April 16—Sigma Gamma Initiation Ceremony

April 23—Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting

April 23—Mary Bowles Scholarship Auditions

April 30—Spring Luncheon honoring Sigma Gamma graduates

May 19-22—Mayfest

May 14—Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting