



The Scroll

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Tulsa Alumnae Chapter, Tulsa Patroness Chapter, and Sigma Gamma Chapter at the University of Tulsa
Region 2, Zeta A Province
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Formal Meeting & Musicale

Tuesday, September 29

7 PM

Location: Home of Sherye Halliburton
4113 East 42nd Street, Tulsa, OK 74135

Hostesses:

Kathy Huber
Megan Gibson
Annie Mocha

Musicale & Performers:

"Music Makes us Brave: Life Lessons and Experiences"

Joan Hatley
Katie Blanco
Karen Hiller
Kathy Huber



A Note from Your Treasurer

Congratulations on your participation in our monthly fundraisers last year! The six meetings we had brought in \$225 in earnings for the Bowles Scholarship and the Convention fund. Again this year you will have the opportunity to participate in our monthly door prize raffle for only one dollar per chance, which benefits the Bowles Scholarship. Also for fifty cents you can enjoy tasty treats and get the recipe for the treat supplied by Board members, in the Silver Bowl Sampler which benefits the Convention Fund both for our Alumnae delegate and the Palmer Award Scholarship. These are two easy ways to add money to these accounts so plan to attend meetings this year and bring a couple dollars extra to participate in these fundraising efforts.



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Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications, Makayla West

Sigma Gamma has hit the ground running as our school year has begun. We have 24 active sisters and two who are studying abroad. Our pledging ceremony was September 18. Six girls were pledged. This year is going to be great!



Tulsa Patroness Chapter Communications, Sue Shadley

Happy Fall to all! Thank you to all Patronesses who have gotten dues in. A special thanks to those who sent extra donations in with your dues. It's almost time for the 2015-2016 SAI Yearbook to be printed. For Patronesses who have not yet sent in dues, there is still time! Send checks (made out to SAI Patronesses and in the amount of \$40.00) to Sue Shadley, 5111 S. Kingston Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74135.

This month, we will be arranging for new Senior Accounts at Saied Music Company. We need everyone's support.

Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications, Patty Mandrell

Our Membership Brunch was a great success. We have four new affiliates! We welcome Michelle Barnes from Sigma Omicron, Helen Patterson from Sigma Gamma, Jessica Rasley from Iota Alpha and Megan Gibson from Beta Iota to Tulsa Alumnae. They will be affiliated at our October meeting. Over 20 cake mixes and frosting tubs were collected at the brunch. Sue Amstutz and Sheryle Halliburton delivered the goodies to the Owasso Baptist Children's Home, whose director was very appreciative. With 30 children residing in the Home, birthdays are always rolling around. This is a service project which will likely be repeated in the spring. Many thanks to members who contributed school backpacks to University United Methodist Church's Backpack Bash. We collected around 25 backpacks for kids to start the school year. While these two service projects took very little effort from individual chapter members, they provided such big rewards, both for those giving and those receiving.



Helping to hostess our chapter meetings is another small task with a big impact: we get to eat! Please check with VP Hostess and sign up to hostess a meeting or two, bring some food or paper products, and we can all enjoy. Hostessing is an easy way to support our chapter.

Beth Keener has put together a lovely musicale for the September meeting. Come and enjoy the sisterhood on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00pm at the home of Sherye Halliburton.



2015 National Convention

We came. We elected. We valet parked.

By all accounts, the 2015 SAI National Convention, held July 23-27 at the St Louis Union Station Hotel, was a big success. Zeta A Province was well represented with Province Officer Hazel Rowena Mills, Sue Amstutz, Marilyn Carver, Joan Hatley, and delegate Patty Mandrell of the Alumnae chapter, as well as 11 members total from Langston's Kappa Rho, OSU's Iota Alpha and TU's Sigma Gamma chapters. Our own Sharon Doty, Chairwoman of SAI Philanthropies, was on the NEB dais. Sue Amstutz was inducted into the new group Circle of Pearls, an honor for members who have given over \$5,000.00 in lifetime support to SAI Philanthropies. Well done, Zeta A!

Total attendance for the "Voices of Experience – Voices of the Future" triennial convention was 701, with ten guests and one dog. Since the 2012 convention, 28 collegiate and four alumnae chapters have been added to the SAI roster. All, as characterized by National President, Leslie Odom Miller, are "united in one sisterhood."

The schedule was filled with a welcome luncheon, General Sessions, strolling SAIs, elections, a Philanthropies benefit concert, an IAMA composer concert, reception with dance band, rehearsals, Dinner of Honors, workshops, musicales, memorials, sing-alongs, keynote speakers, making new friends and meeting old ones, with time left for shopping at the SAI Whistle Shop Boutique and Phlea Phlam!

Among other officers, Leslie Odom Miller was re-elected as National President, Ginger Patterson as Regional Officer and Rowena Mills as Province Officer. All elected officers were installed and National Objectives 2015-18 were presented. The convention was a great blend of fraternity business, music, and plain old fun. No word yet on the location of the 2018 convention, but here's hoping you can attend and join in the next national celebration of our "cherished sisterhood."



Tulsa Alumnae President, Patty Mandrell; Zeta A Province Officer Hazel Rowena Mills; and Tulsa Alumnae Vice President Ritual, Sue Amstutz.



Some of Zeta A Province at National Convention.



In Memoriam

Marjorie Ruggles

Marjorie Ruggles, initiated into SAI by Alpha Chi Chapter at Oklahoma College for Women in 1947, died on June 20, 2015. Marjorie affiliated with the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter in 1961. An organ major, Marjorie held a number of committee chairmanships in the alumnae group, including chairman of the 1972-73 Children's Musicale, Telephone Chairman in 1975-1976, Membership Chairman in 1977-1978, Yearbook Chairman in 1981-1982, Chapter Accompanist in 1989-1990, and Historian from 1992-1994. Marjorie served in elective positions as Alumnae Chapter Chaplain in 1974-1975, Second Vice President (Hostesses) in 1982-1983, and Secretary in 1987-1988.

She received the Sword of Honor from Tulsa Alumnae in 1995. Though very active through most of the 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s, health issues had limited her participation in SAI and she elected inactive status in more recent times. The SAI Memorial Ritual for Marjorie will take place during the September Formal Meeting.

Miriam Spindler Lynch

Miriam Spindler Lynch, initiate of Sigma Gamma Chapter in 1931 and Tulsa Alumnae Charter member, died on July 3, 2015. Recognized as a consummate pianist and teacher of multitudes of piano students, Miriam served as Tulsa Alumnae Chapter's president in 1952—1953, received the very first Zeta A Province Leadership Award in 1994, and received the Sword of Honor in 1991 and the Rose of Honor in 2005, both honors bestowed by Tulsa Alumnae. On the occasion of Miriam's 100th birthday in 2011, a group of Alums visited Miriam in her home. A feature article appeared in the Winter, 2012, issue of Pan Pipes marking that milestone.

A practice room in the new Lorton Performance Center at TU is named in Miriam's honor, she being the benefactor of the room, along with Hyeckha Club of Tulsa. Active in Hyeckha and other music organizations in the community, Miriam would have observed her 104th birthday this coming December. The SAI Memorial Ritual for Miriam will occur during the September Formal Meeting.

Dorothy Jacoby Nix

Dorothy Jacoby Nix, initiated into Sigma Gamma in 1945, passed away on August 11, 2015 at 89 years old. After spending her freshman year of college at Cottey Junior College for Girls, Dorothy completed her Bachelors Degree in Music Education at The University of Tulsa. There, she served as Vice President of the Sigma Gamma Chapter of SAI. Dorothy worked for a number of years as an elementary music teacher for Vinita Public Schools, and conducted the choruses for the Junior High Girls, Senior High Girls, and the Mixed Chorus. During her time in Vinita, she was also twice named Outstanding Citizen by the Chamber of Commerce. After spending a number of years in Vinita, she returned to Tulsa and affiliated with the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter in 2001. Dorothy achieved 50-year membership status in 1995 and received her 60-year Membership Certificate in 2005. The SAI Memorial Ritual for Dorothy will take place during the September Formal meeting.

*Vita Brevis***ΣAI***Ars Longa*



Alumnae members, please remember to pay 2015-2016 dues as soon as possible in order to be included in this year's yearbook. Feel free to mail your money to our treasurer Sherye Halliburton. Her address is:

4113 East 42nd Street
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- To be an active, voting member, dues are \$25.
- To be an associate member without voting status, dues are \$10.
- Checks should be made out to Sigma Alpha Iota, Tulsa Alumnae Chapter.
- National Alumnae Association dues of \$35 are paid separately, not to the chapter.

Please remember that it is an obligation of membership for every member to help with hostessing. We are in need of hostesses this year! When the sign up list comes your way, please find a place to sign up and do your part. Thank you so much for your help in advance!



Meet Annelle Chandler McAdams

Fraternity Education with Sue Amstutz

Have you ever noticed how certain names seem to keep “popping up” with regularity when SAIs in Tulsa are being mentioned? The history of these individuals and the key roles which they played in the formative years of Sigma Gamma and Tulsa Alumnae Chapters, as well as in music circles in Tulsa, will be the subject of our SCROLL Fraternity Education columns in 2015-2016. By “introducing” these sisters and telling you how they came to play such vital roles in SAI, you will have at least a minimum knowledge of who they were, should in the future, they be referred to.

Annelle's name has always been the most illustrious in the annals of SAI in Tulsa. A Charter member of both Sigma Gamma and Tulsa Alumnae, Annelle's devotion to SAI would eventually lead her far “up the ladder” in the fraternity's hierarchy. She served as Associate Editor of Pan Pipes on two different occasions, became National First Vice President of SAI in 1945, and remained in that national position until 1956. She established the Annelle Chandler McAdams Service Award fund which honors alumnae chapters for their outstanding community service projects. She regularly presented checks to Tulsa Alumnae, which to this day form the basis for our Annelle Chandler McAdams Fund. After her death, a large collection of SAI memorabilia from her estate was donated to Tulsa Alumnae, with these invaluable documents, tangibles, and Pan Pipes copies dating back to 1925 forming the foundation of the alumnae chapter archives.



People of Note



Condolences to the Tulsa Patronesses in the passing of their member, Joann Stewart Lukken, who died on July 28, 2015, at the age of 89. Mrs. Lukken, though currently inactive, had served as Tulsa Patroness Chapter President in 1991-1992. She opened her lovely home on many occasions to Patroness Chapter gatherings and also to several Alumnae Chapter meetings. Memorial donations are being made to the Lukken Music Scholarship at TU, named in honor of Mrs. Lukken's grandfather-in-law and grandmother-in-law, Albert and Florence Lukken, original sponsors of Sigma Gamma Chapter when it was founded. Lukken was dean of the School of Music for many years.

Congratulations to Sue Amstutz, inducted as a charter member of the Sigma Alpha Iota Circle of Pearls. The recognition of the charter class of the newly inaugurated Circle of Pearls took place during the recent National Convention of SAI in St. Louis. The Circle of Pearls recognizes members who over a life time have contributed a minimum of \$5000 to SAI Philanthropies, Inc. Each member of the Circle of Pearls received a lovely bud vase embossed with the Greek Letters, Sigma, Alpha, and Iota; other "perks" included special seating at the Philanthropies Benefit Concert during Convention, and an invitation to a gala reception following the concert.

Condolences to Hazel Rowena Mills, whose cousin Bill J. Schneider died on June 26, 2015. He was an architect who designed numerous schools, churches, and commercial buildings in Northeastern Oklahoma. He loved music and attended many live performances. The family is contributing to the Mary Bowles Memorial Scholarship in Schneider's honor.

Continued thoughts and prayers to Sherye and Richard Halliburton following Richard's recent hospitalization with an outlook toward an extended period of recovery.

Deepest sympathy to Member Laureate Anna Norberg on the recent death of her husband, Dr. Joseph A. Kestner, a professor of English at the University of Tulsa. Kestner was initiated as a Friend of the Arts by Sigma Gamma Chapter, which held an SAI memorial service for him on September 20.

