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The Official Sigma Alpha Iota Newsletter of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter and Sigma Gamma Chapter at the  
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## Announcements

🔊 Alumnae, we still have slots open for hostesses as well as musicale performers for this year! Please contact Beth Keener at [bethkeener@cox.net](mailto:bethkeener@cox.net) to sign up for performances or presentations, and contact Jeanne Stover at [jmstrings4m@cox.net](mailto:jmstrings4m@cox.net) to sign up for hostessing.

🔊 If you are an SAI Alumna but not yet affiliated with our Tulsa Alumnae chapter, we'd love for you to attend our next meeting! Come see what we're all about, pressure free!



## *Tulsa Alumnae Christmas Caroling*

### *Saturday, 7 December*

**10:30am Brookdale Midtown**

5211 S Lewis, Tulsa

**11:30am Villages at Southern Hills**

5721 S Lewis, Tulsa

**Lunch to follow.**

All Tulsa Alumnae (including unaffiliated), Sigma Gammas, and families are all welcome to join us!



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## Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications

### Sarah Carr

Hello again! Time seems to be flying by with Thanksgiving around the corner and the semester already almost over. It has been very, very eventful for the Sigma Gamma Chapter.

We had a VERY successful Bake Sale last month (some people even mentioned that they would love it to be more than once a semester), and we achieved a new record of how much money we have earned in a bake sale!! We had to reschedule our initiation to December 7th due to last minute conflicts, but we are super excited to finally get Morgan Thomason as our official sister! We also had our Joint Recital with Phi Mu Alpha that we hold every fall semester. We had an incredible turnout to hear our fun, exciting, and very versatile music--anywhere from covers of rock songs to personal compositions to musicals to video game themes. With this fantastic recital under our belt, we are even more excited to start working on stuff for our Chapter Recital next semester! We also have a great T-shirt design for our chapter shirts... that also comes with stickers! So neat!!

We are hanging on tight until the end of the semester, but we are excited to see what it holds! Happy Holidays from Sigma Gamma!



## Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications

### Patty Mandrell



*Patty's comments will return in January.*

## FRATERNITY EDUCATION: „QUOTES IN CELEBRATION OF S.A.I.”

### “A QUOTE FROM AN EARLY PRESIDENT, KATHLEEN DAVISON”

*(Spoken during the second year of the nation's involvement in World War II at the SAI National Officers Council Meeting, July 2, 1944, in Chicago)*

“Prayer is made manifest in many ways. We in Sigma Alpha Iota cannot express it better than we do as we go forth daily to revitalize the living symbol of that for which we are fighting. We, as the leaders of this fraternity, can make a marked contribution in the present day world by leading a portion of the finest of the world's young womanhood toward a maintenance of those ideals for which we stand. It is my earnest prayer that we be given the strength and insight to rightfully participate in this tremendous assignment.”

## Upcoming Events

**7 December:** TA Caroling, 10:30am

**7 December:** Sigma Gamma Initiation, 4:00pm, Meinig

**25 January:** TA Formal Meeting, 1:00pm, Home of Debbie Watts


**22 February:** TA Potluck Luncheon, noon, Church of St. Mary

**28 March:** TA Formal Meeting, 1:00pm, Boston Avenue Methodist Church

**25 April:** TA Formal Meeting, 1:00pm, location TBD

**30 May:** TA Salad Luncheon, 1:00pm, location TBD

## People of Note

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Anne Mocha (TA, November 2), Lynette Bennett Danskin (TA, November 5), Barb Derby (TA, November 25), and Nora Lu Erwin (TA, November 26)!

♪ Best wishes to Harry Todd, who is recovering in Texas after he and Aileen were in a car accident in October.

♪ Our sincerest condolences go out to our dearest sister and Tulsa Alumnae President Patty Mandrell. Our hearts are with you during this time of grief.

♪ Congrats to Sigma Gamma and Phi Mu Alpha on a fantastic joint recital!

♪ Bravae to Anna Norberg, Karen Finley Gingrich and Province Officer Hazel Rowena Mills who performed Saturday, November 16 in a Recital showcasing the Hyeckka Music Club's 115 year anniversary before the Tulsa Symphony Concert.

♪ Congrats to Alumna Phillele McBrayer on receiving her 75 year Membership award from VP Ritual Sue Amstutz at the Tulsa Alumnae October meeting.

♪ Congratulations and best wishes to Alumna Megan Gibson Whitley, who got married on November 2!

♪ Best wishes of recovery to Gordon Gingrich, husband of Alumna Karen Gingrich, who recently broke his ankle.

# In Memoriam

## David Mandrell

David Mandrell, husband of Tulsa Alumnae President Patty Mandrell, passed away October 30. A reception/celebration of his life will be held on **Saturday, Nov 23, 11:30 - 1:30 at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S Peoria, Tulsa.**

*Vita Brevis,  
Ars Longa*

## Helen Reecher

Tulsa Alumnae Chapter is saddened to report the passing on November 5, 2019, of one of our Charter members, Helen Reecher. A piano major, Helen was a 1940 initiate of Sigma Gamma Chapter at TU. She was one of forty-nine SAIs who formed the charter group when Tulsa Alumnae Chapter was



installed on November 9, 1943. Helen was ninety-nine years old at the time of her passing. She and her husband, the late Marvin Reecher, were important in the church music community in Tulsa, he as long-time Minister of Music at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, and she as co-founder of the children's graded choir program at the church.

The SAI Memorial Ritual for Helen will take place at the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter's Formal Meeting in January, 2020.

## Tulsa Youth Symphony sets holiday concert December 8

Tulsa Youth Symphony will present a holiday concert at 3 p.m. December 8 at the Union High School Performing Arts Center, 6636 South Mingo Road. The Symphony Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, and Preparatory String Orchestra will perform.

Music will include *Coriolan* Overture by Beethoven, "Wassail Song" by Vaughan Williams, *Carmen* Suite by Bizet, "Danse Bacchanale" by Saint-Saëns, "Lullaby to the Moon" by Brian Balmages, and festive music of the holiday season.

Tulsa Youth Symphony, which has been training young musicians in northeastern Oklahoma since 1963, is directed by Ron Wheeler, an SAI National Arts Associate.

Tickets are available at the door or by calling 918-592-7725.

## Tulsa Symphony Orchestra honors Hyeckka

At its November 16 concert, Tulsa Symphony Orchestra honored Hyeckka Club of Tulsa for 115 years of fostering music education. Hyeckka members and friends presented a preconcert recital, "The World of Music." Performers were Stuart Deaver, Karen Finley Gingrich, Anne Roberts, Hazel Rowena Mills, Anna Norberg, and Michele Cowen.

Robin Sutherland was the guest pianist on the symphony concert.



# Autumn Events with SAI's



(L-R) Alumnae Karen Gingrich, Kelly Bezan, Mary Hargrave, Peggy Cooper, Sherye Halliburton, Sue Amstutz, and Anna Norberg enjoy the reception at Megan Gibson Whitley's Wedding on Nov. 2 at Camp Loughridge.



(Clockwise from bottom left) Sigma Gamma Alumnae Sue Amstutz, Debra Rue, Karen Hiller, Karen Cluck, Peggy Cooper, Sherye Halliburton, and Barb Derby head to the TU homecoming after the October Tulsa



Tulsa Alumna Phillele McBrayer (right) receiving her 75 year Membership award from VP Ritual Sue Amstutz (left) at the Tulsa Alumnae October meeting.

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