

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 Saturday, October 29 1 PM

Location:

University United Methodist Church
5th and College, Tulsa

October Musicales:

"Earth and Space: Music Travels Around the World"

Karen Hiller
Rachael Burns
Dan and Cathy Call

Hostesses

Jeanne Stover
Karen Hiller
Karen Gingrich

Announcements

- There will be a TU School of Music and Marching Band Reunion during homecoming on Saturday, October 22 at 12:45 p.m. at the Band Annex. For more information, go to <http://www.tualumni.com/s/1174/index.asp>
- If anyone is interested in playing a piano duet, please contact Jodi Powell at gbalint@intellex.com or call her at 303-525-0542. She is in Tulsa until February 15.
- Linda Bradshaw has moved! Her new address is 5904 W Wilton Road, Sapulpa, OK 74066.
- Alumnae Yearbooks will be passed out at the October 29 meeting! Please make plans to attend!



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Sigma Gamma Communications, Brettany DeMier

Sigma Gamma has just finished our Province Officer Visit Day, and we had a great time visiting and meeting with Rowena. We were able to talk through some ideas, and the visit made us even more excited for the year. We also just concluded our joint social event with Phi Mu Alpha which was extremely fun. The chapter is getting ready to compete in the TU homecoming competition for the first time in many years. We are extremely excited to get our name out on campus more. After that, we are looking forward to initiation and our Joint Recital with Phi Mu Alpha later this semester.



Patroness Chapter Communications, Sue Shadley

In loving memory of Sue Shadley

Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications, Patty Mandrell

We had a terrific September meeting, memorializing long time SAI sisters Evelyn Washburn and Catherine Nixon and enjoying a delightful musicale. Host Phillele McBrayer and hostesses set a lovely table for all. Member Sherye Halliburton received the Diamond Sword of Honor, matching the one her real life sister, Sue Amstutz, received in 1997. Bravi, Sherye and Sue!

Plan to attend the October 29 meeting and pick up your new 2016-2017 yearbook. Thank you Karen Hiller and Megan Gibson for all your hard work on the Yearbook Committee. We will also be affiliating Susan DeShane, Alpha Iota (OU), and Kelly Bezan, Sigma Gamma (TU), as well as initiating Sherry Crosby, daughter of our own Mary May. See you on the 29th!





Can you name sixteen types of awards SAI may bestow on its outstanding individual members?

Find the answer on page 5!



October 22—TU Music and Band reunion

October 29— Alumnae Formal Meeting

November 12— Sigma Gamma Initiation

November 15—Hideaway Pizza Fundraiser

December 3—Tulsa Alumnae Caroling; SAI Sigma Gamma/PMA Alpha Chi Recital

January 28— Alumnae Formal Meeting

February 25— Alumnae Potluck Luncheon

March 21— Alumnae Formal Meeting

April 8—Zeta A Province Day

April 22—Scholarship Auditions

May 13— Alumnae Formal Meeting

May 18-21—Mayfest



In Memoriam

Catherine Nixon

Catherine Mallatis Nixon was initiated into Sigma Alpha Iota by Sigma Alpha Chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University on March 6, 1949. Her membership card was signed by then National Executive Secretary, Mildred Sale. Catherine was a piano and organ major. She continued studies at Syracuse University where she earned her Master's Degree in piano performance. Catherine affiliated with Tulsa Alumnae Chapter on October 27, 1964 and maintained active membership in the chapter through the 2012-2013 season, at which time health concerns caused her to choose associate membership, which she maintained until the time of her passing on May 26, 2016, at the age of 88.

Her SAI honors included Sword of Honor awarded by Tulsa Alumnae in 1975 and Rose of Honor, also from the Tulsa Alumnae, awarded in 2000. Catherine held offices from 1968-2009, including President, VP Programs, VP Hostess, Editor; Chairman of Awards, Incorporation Day, Fraternity Education, and Membership; and served on Membership, Telephone, Scholarship, and Nominating committees, as well as chapter accompanist.

Catherine taught private piano for decades. She was a long-time organist at Boston Avenue Methodist Church where she also served as Director of the Children's Choirs. Her memberships, besides SAI, included TAMTA, OMTA, and Hyeckka. In all of these organizations, she was active and involved. She was Tulsa Alumnae president at the time Sigma Gamma held its 50th Anniversary celebration. Several members of the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter saw Catherine one final time at our Christmas Caroling event December 5, 2015, when we sang for the residents of the Brookdale Tulsa Midtown Retirement Community.

Evelyn Washburn

Evelyn Washburn was initiated as a Patroness by Sigma Gamma Chapter at the University of Tulsa in 1966. She was an active member of the Tulsa Patroness Chapter throughout her membership in SAI. Though Evelyn never affiliated with Tulsa Alumnae Chapter, she influenced hundreds of University of Tulsa Music School students, including members of Sigma Gamma. Evelyn served as Secretary to the Dean of the TU School of Music and as Sigma Gamma advisor from 1969-1984. She assumed the role of Scholarship Chairman for the Patroness Chapter in 1986 and served in that capacity through 2006. Evelyn received the Rose of Honor from Sigma Gamma in 1985 in recognition of her service to the college chapter.

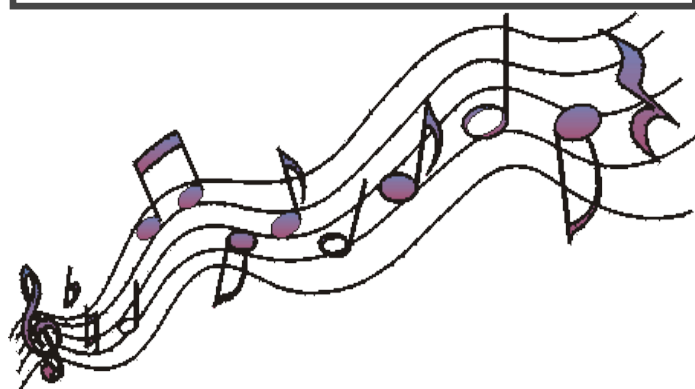
During her years as an active Patroness, the Tulsa Patroness Chapter held many events intended to benefit Sigma Gamma, including the Mrs. Bryant Kirkland Book Reviews held annually through a period of fifteen years, and the Southern Hills Benefit Lunches and Style Shows which took place between 1989 and 2004. When Sigma Gamma hosted Zeta Province State Day in 1969, Evelyn headed the Advisory Committee which assisted the young ladies in preparing the event held that year at Harwelden Mansion. In addition to her active involvement in SAI, Evelyn was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and a Charter member of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society.

Evelyn's 100th Birthday was celebrated on January 22, 2016, at Heatheridge Assisted Living Community where she was residing. Wearing a huge smile and a glittering tiara and surrounded by a great crowd of well-wishers, our last opportunity to share a few moments with Evelyn will remain treasured memories for those of us who attended her birthday party. Evelyn passed from this life on June 30, 2016.



**BACK TO SAI BASICS
ANSWER:**

Sword of Honor, Rose of Honor, Wreath of Achievement, Rose of Dedication, Rose of Constancy, Ring of Excellence, Collegiate Leadership Award (Chapter, Province, National), Alumnae Leadership Award (Chapter, Province, National), SAI Scholastic Award, Collegiate Honor Award, National Outstanding Advisor Award, National Outstanding Treasurer Award, Dorothy Whinery Special Leadership Award, Patroness Sword of Honor (Sapphire Sword), Certificates for 25 and 50-year Membership and beyond.



People of Note

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of our dear friend and patroness, Sue Shadley. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Congratulations to Alumnae Treasurer Sherye Halliburton for receiving the Diamond Sword of Honor! We love you!

Congratulations to Alumnae VP Program Beth Keener! She was just selected at Teacher of the Year for Claremont Elementary School in Claremore!

We are currently soliciting information for the People of Note section of the November 2016 issue of *The Scroll*. Members of all Tulsa chapters encouraged to submit. Please email any news, congratulations, condolences, well wishes, etc. to saitulsa@wix.com



The Tulsa Alumnae Chapter's website is now live! Visit <http://saitulsaalumnae.wixsite.com/saitulsa> to view information about the chapter, upcoming events, past newsletters, and more!