

THE SCROLL

The Official Sigma Alpha Iota Newsletter of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter and Sigma Gamma Chapter at the University of Tulsa | Region II, Zeta A Province

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Announcements

📢 We are soliciting information for our “People of Note” and “Upcoming Events” sections for the April *Scroll* issue. Tulsa Alumnae, please get information to Megan Gibson at chapter meetings or by email. Sigma Gammas, please get information to Carlie Wiseley.

📢 Sigma Gammas, be sure to get the Bowles and Palmer Scholarship Applications from your chapter president!

📢 Save the date for SAI’s National Convention this summer!

Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting
Saturday, 24 March 1:00 pm

Location:

University United Methodist Church
2915 E. 5th St.

2017-2018 Musicale Theme: “Musical Creation and Inspiration”

March Musicale: “Amazing Stories Fuel Creative Sparks”

Sarah Addington

Jeanne Stover and Beth Keener

Peggy Cooper

Hostesses

Karen Gingrich, Jeanne Stover



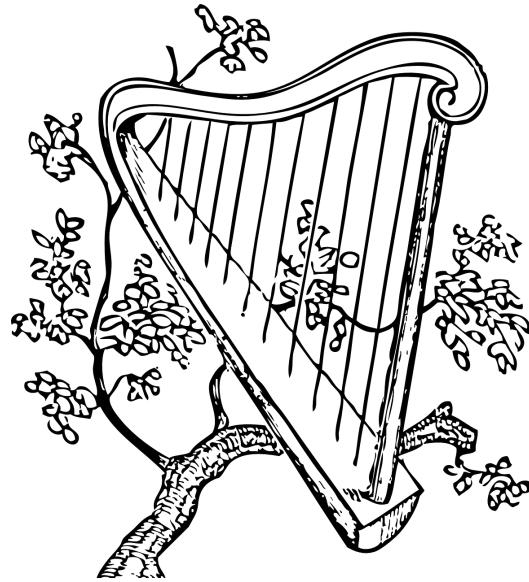
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Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications

Erin Jones

Sigma Gamma is staying very busy this semester! Our wonderful MITs are about to take their test, and it's crazy to think that Initiation is just around the corner. This semester, our Initiation Ceremony will be in the Lorton Performance Center on Sunday, April 8 at 3:00. We are wrapping up officer elections for the coming year, as well as preparing to attend Province Day. We're looking forward to finishing the semester on a strong note. Sisters have worked so hard to make this a wonderful year for Sigma Gamma!



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications

Patty Mandrell

The Alumnae Chapter has recently lost some beloved members, and spouses of beloved members, bringing a time of reflection and caring for each other. We are none of us "an island," and having SAI sisters to share grief and give support through music and friendship is what our sisterhood should be and is about.

Let's keep all our sisters close, support in whatever small or grand ways we can, throughout our journeys in life. Spring's chapter activities will be much easier and fulfilling if we bring along all our sisters, past and present, to share with us.

Hope you all can join your chapter for rituals, lovely musicale, and savory treats at the March meeting.

“WHAT I LEARNED READING K. MARIE’S BOOK”

“Songbook Saga: 1912” by Sue Amstutz

During the first eight years of SAI’s existence (1903-1911), minutes of Alpha Chapter do not mention a songbook or even mention group singing, though two Greek-styled songs for use during initiations had been arranged by Albert Stanley. At the 1911 Convention, a committee on songs was appointed—the committee included in its membership Founder Minnie Davis Sherrill. Six songs were subsequently submitted and approved.

A local Detroit publisher was employed to produce 200 copies of all six songs at a cost of \$50.00. Thus, the very first SAI Songbook was authorized. It was published and distributed in 1912. One surviving copy of that songbook which had belonged to Nora Crane Hunt was a bit frazzled and without its cover by the time it was archived at National Headquarters’ depository for such valuable artifacts. This first songbook had eleven pages of sheet music sized paper and included only the six songs approved in 1911. Three were written by an Alpha Chapter Patroness and dedicated to Alpha Chapter, and the other three were products of Beta Chapter members. This limited six-song volume was used until 1923 when the second SAI songbook was finally published—but that’s another saga for another day!



mark your calendars!

GCH: Gussman Concert Hall; MRH: Meinig Recital Hall
(both located within the Lorton Performance Center, TU
Campus)

13 March: Jessica Santino Junior Voice Recital, 7:30pm,
MRH

24 March: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting, 1:00pm,
University United Methodist Church

7 April: Zeta A Province Day, Langston University

8 April: Sigma Gamma Spring Initiation, 3:00pm, MRH

14 April: Megan Kepley Senior Violin Recital, 7:30pm,
MRH

15 April: Sigma Gamma Instrument Drive & Coffee
Shop, 1:00-3:00pm, Mayo Village Apartments

16 April: TU Band Concert, 7:30pm, GCH

20 April: TU Choral and Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm,
GCH

21 April: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting, 1:00pm

22 April: Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Benefit Concert for
Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies Pan’s Cottage, feat.
John Rush, 2:00pm, MRH

23 April: TU President’s Concert, 7:30pm, GCH

24 April: Music Recital featuring Meray Boustani and
Whitney Hollis, 7:30pm, MRH

28 April: Bowles Scholarship Auditions, 10:30am,
Boston Avenue Methodist Church; Sigma Gamma
Senior Farewell Luncheon, 11:30am, Boston
Avenue Methodist Church

5 May: University of Tulsa Graduation, 9:45am

12 May: Tulsa Alumnae Salad Luncheon, 10:30am

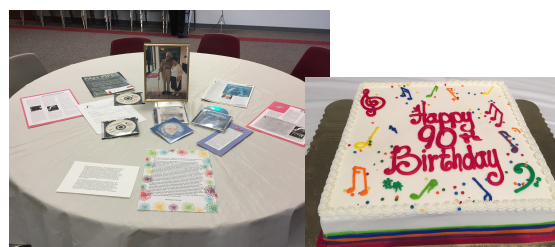
17-20 May: Mayfest

Happy Birthday, James Cohn!

Tulsa Alumnae Chapter was the recent recipient of a very special gift from James and Eileen Cohn. James Cohn is the National Arts Associate who was initiated by the Tulsa chapter in 1998 and whose 90th birthday was celebrated at the chapter's annual February Potluck luncheon on February 24.

After the birthday party, a large envelope of memorabilia from the observance (photos, programs, napkins) was mailed to the Cohns so they would have an idea of what happened at Jim's Tulsa birthday party. In response, the Cohns have sent the chapter a two-set DVD of the concert which was held in New York in honor of Jim's 90th birthday, a concert consisting entirely of compositions Jim has written. The Tulsa Alumnae Chapter is most grateful to the Cohns for their generosity in presenting this special offering of recorded music for us to enjoy over many years.

Info provided by Sue Amstutz



Celebrating American Women Composers

In honor of Women's History Month, please enjoy this word search which features American women composers who were added to SAI's Composer's

Bureau in 2017. The Composer's Bureau is group of living American composers who have achieved recognition at the national or international level in concert (classical) music. The national SAI website has information on the composers, as well as links to their websites, if you'd like to find out more about them. Let's celebrate these women who are making history!



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CANARY BURTON
CAROL BARNETT**
ELIZABETH R BEESON*
HALIDE K SMITH*
JEANNE ROWLEY BURULL*
JERRY CASEY*
JULIE MANDEL
LAUREN BERNOFISKY
MAGGI PAYNE

MARGARET SHELTON
MEIER
MARILYN SHRUDE*
NANCY HILL COBB*
ROSEMARIE COOPER*
SHEILA FIRESTONE*
SHELLEY HANSON
WANG ANMING**
*=SAI Alumna/Patroness
**=Distinguished Member

In Memoriam

Cindy Harmon

December 10, 1952 - March 2, 2018



Lucinda “Cindy” Sue Harmon passed peacefully at her home in Tulsa, OK surrounded by loved ones after battling cancer for 4 years. She was no stranger to life-threatening illnesses in her role as an ICU nurse for her entire career. In an unexpected role reversal, the expert care giver became the one requiring intensive care.

Cindy was born into a loving Christian home to 2 wonderful parents and 3 older brothers. Her brothers adored her and took it upon themselves to look after and protect their little sister. She was raised in the northwestern Oklahoma town of Goltry as a devoted Mennonite in her parent’s church that her grandfather had helped to build.

Cindy later followed her brother Joel and his wife Gloria to Tulsa and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance in 1975 from the University of Tulsa. But along the way, Cindy caught the nursing bug while working as a nurse’s aide at St. Mary’s in Enid during summer breaks. In fact, she told her parents she was called to Nursing to take care of others. After graduation she worked as a nurse’s aide at St. Francis in Tulsa until she had saved enough to attend Baylor Nursing School in Texas, from which she graduated in 1980. She went to work full time at her beloved St. Francis where she became a Critical Care Registered Nurse in the ICU. Cindy was the first recipient of the Nurse Mentor Award. She retired after serving critically ill patients and their families for 37 years. Countless lives were saved or changed because of her loving care and true concern for her patients.

Cindy was the epitome of nursing, and widely known in the Tulsa Medical Community as an excellent nurse and fierce patient advocate. She was never intimidated, nor would she back down from what she felt was the right thing to do for her patients. She would challenge questionable orders when necessary, and unflinchingly pursue action on behalf of patients whose symptoms were being missed or ignored. Countless patients owe their lives to Cindy’s sharp critical thinking and well-honed assessment skills. Cindy’s patients and their families held a special place in her heart. She had a gift for remembering people and being remembered by them many years later. She made a lasting impact, even if the patient had a poor outcome. Cindy’s personal care of her patients was second to none. Her co-workers had a phrase for it—“Harmonizing.” Her patients had the most thorough baths, oral care, and shampooing imaginable. When Cindy cleaned up her patient and got them “fluffed and puffed,” that was the Cindy Harmon “Harmonizing” treatment! She took great satisfaction in her patients being clean and comfortable because this was her ministry. She served God through caring for the sick and dying while preserving their dignity and humanity.

Cindy was a member and alumnae of SAI since 1972. She was active on local, state, and national levels, including attending national conventions of SAI. In addition, she was a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Fraternity and was a Baylor Life Time Alumni. Cindy was a member of Boston Avenue Methodist Church and stayed involved in the Greater Tulsa Area Critical Care Nurses Association and the American Association for Critical Care Nurses. She has served as a Volunteer Nurse for the Tulsa Run, for Mended Hearts, and for the American Lung Association of Oklahoma Asthma Camps where the kids gave her the honorary title of “Nurse Cindy.” She also volunteered for the Visiting Nursing Association where she administered flu shots.

Cindy is survived by her husband and life companion of 31 years John Harmon, brother Mervin Johnson and his wife Martha of Greenwood, IN, sister-in-law Gloria Johnson of Tulsa, nieces and nephews Glenda, Connie, Becky, Timothy, Richard, Gregory, Kevin, Troy and a host of great nieces and nephews and extended family. She is predeceased by her parents Walter and Evalena Johnson, brothers Robert and Joel Johnson, and niece Tara Johnson-Mize.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Baylor School of Nursing (baylor.edu/give then select “Louise Herrington Endowed Scholarship Fund in Nursing” and add “In memory of Lucinda Sue Harmon” to Additional Box Info) or the Tulsa Chapter of SAI (mail to Sherye Halliburton, 4113 East 42nd Street, Tulsa, OK 74135). SAI donations will go to scholarships for TU students.



♪ Congratulations to Sigma Gamma Hope Bradford on winning 2nd place at the Béla Rózsa

Music Composition Competition! We are very proud of you!!

♪ Ariel Rodriguez, Hope Bradford, and one of our MITs Lydia Morie are winners of the Concerto-Aria Contest and will be featured performers during the President's Concert on April 23rd. Congrats ladies!

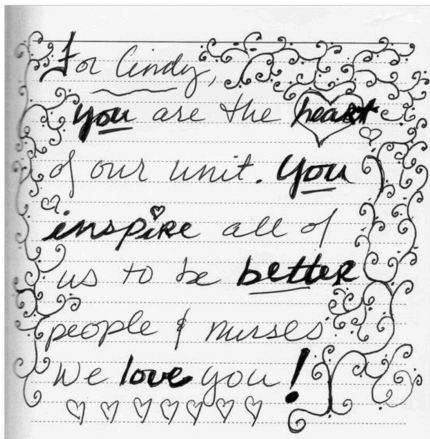
♪ We are deeply saddened at the death of our dear sister Cindy Harmon. While we are no doubt grieving ourselves, our thoughts and prayers especially go out to her family during this time.

INSTRUMENT DRIVE & COFFEE HOUSE

As part of our philanthropy, SAI-Sigma Gamma will be collecting used instruments in order to send them to Sullivan Middle School in Houston, who lost many of their instruments and supplies due to Hurricane Harvey. We will also be accepting donations of cash and check during this event.

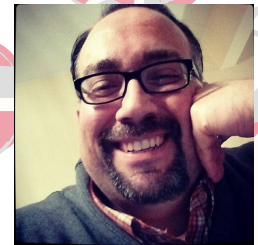
The event will be held in the Mayo Student Activities Center, located in the Mayo Village Apartments on TU's campus. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions about what types of donations we are looking for, please don't hesitate to reach out by messaging our Facebook page, or emailing the chapter at saisigmagamma@gmail.com.



The Tulsa Alumnae Chapter of SAI is pleased to announce a

Benefit Concert for Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies Pan's Cottage, feat. **John Rush**



Sunday, April 22, 2018, 2:00pm at Meinig Recital Hall, Lorton Performance Center, TU Campus

All proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies renovation project campaign of Pan's Cottage at MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, NH.

Tulsa Alumnae Chapter is excited to be a part of the renovation campaign by presenting this free benefit concert. Donations will be appreciated at the event, and sponsorships of twenty-five dollars or more will be acknowledged in the concert program.

To participate in the sponsorship program, please make checks payable to Sigma Alpha Iota and mail by Friday, April 13th to Sherye Halliburton, 4113 E. 42nd St., Tulsa, OK 74135.

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