

THE SCROLL

The Official Sigma Alpha Iota Newsletter of Tulsa Alumnae Chapter and Sigma Gamma Chapter at the
University of Tulsa | Region 2, Zeta A Province

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Announcements

📢 Alumnae, If you would like to perform/present or hostess, we still have slots open this spring. Please contact Beth Keener at bethkeener@cox.net to sign up for performances or presentations, and contact Jeanne Stover at 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!

📢 Alumnae, please bring lots of tasty food to share with our sisters and guests for our February potluck!

Tulsa Alumnae Potluck Luncheon

Saturday, 22 February *12:00pm (noon)*

Location:

Church of St. Mary
1347 E. 49th Pl., Tulsa

February Musicale:

"Red Carpet, Silver Screen"

Barbara McAlister and Aaron Beck
Students of Barbara McAlister

Lunch to Follow

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Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications

Sarah Carr

This semester is already flying by! We have 8 wonderful new MITs pledged and started them up with classes as they prepare for their test next month. Currently, we seem to be more instrumental heavy with our members, and there are a bunch of vocalists in our MIT class this semester. Yay!

We are in the midst of getting ready for our second annual chapter recital on Saturday, February 8th. We are doing "Old Favorites," which consists of songs all produced before the year 2000. We are super excited!!

In addition, we have our Patroness Initiation coming up on February 15th. This is the first Patroness we will have initiated in Sigma Gamma since 2003, so we are looking forward to this great opportunity.

The morning of the 15th, we will have some sisters going to DVIS with Phi Mu Alpha boys to perform in a mini little concert setting. Then at the end of the month, on February 29th, we have some sisters that will be attending a Service Day with TU. We are not too sure entirely what this entails, but we are still excited and ready to serve our community!



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications

Patty Mandrell

February is full of nationally noted days: Valentine's, MLK, Groundhog, Kite Flying, Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk, Polar Bear, Public Sleeping, Read in the Bathtub, Love Your Pet, Organ Donor, No Brainer, Chocolate Covered Nut, Lincoln's Birthday, Do A Grouch A Favor...

Let's note February with our own days: the 22nd is "Get Out to St. Mary for Some Alumnae Potluck Day." Musicale and lunch, old friends and new, sisters and guests, our chapter in bloom.

And the 15th is "Suzy Thompson Initiation Day." Join Sigma Gamma and help welcome Suzy into the SAI fold on that Saturday at 3:30, Kaiser Hall in Lorton Performance Center.

As well we need to fill the Board positions of Editor and Secretary. The editor is responsible for the monthly issues of Scroll and occasional updates of our Alumnae website. Megan has streamlined the whole process and will be glad to shadow her successor with training for the job. Easy peasy. If you have some time to spend on the computer and want to volunteer a little time to the chapter give it some thought. The secretary is responsible for taking minutes of Board and chapter meetings. Contact a Nominating Committee member with your interest (Kathy Huber, Peggy Cooper or Jeanne Stover).

Leap with February this year into Alumnae sisterhood!

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

“A Quote From a Golden Anniversary Speech”

*Presented by Mildred Sale, Executive Secretary
Excerpts from her speech to the Golden Anniversary Convention Dinner of Honors,
as published in the Pan Pipes Fiftieth Anniversary issue*

“The power of Sigma Alpha Iota for us is there, but we must take it. There is joy, hope, inspiration, but we must find them. There is comfort, but we must speak the words that bless and they will come back to us many-fold. There is appreciation and gratitude, but we must play their harpstrings with our praiseworthiness. There is growth in personality and leadership, but we must search out the disciplines in our organizational training and make them a part of our knowledge and skill. There is beauty of art and meaning of music, but we must study and practice to know them and give our friendship and love in return.

Then we will know the unlimited power of Sigma Alpha Iota, the wealth of its gifts for us, and through the expression of our loyalty in deeds will others know its wondrous works.”

Upcoming Events

15 February: SG Patroness Initiation, 3:30pm, Kaiser Hall

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

22 February: Zeta B Province Day, hosted by Nu Beta

3 March: TA Taziki's Fundraiser, all day, multiple locations

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

28 March: Zeta A Province Day, hosted by Iota Alpha in Stillwater, OK

5 April: Sigma Gamma Spring Initiation, 4:30pm, Lorton Performance Center

18 April: Lucinda “Cindy” Harmon Memorial Scholarship Auditions, 9:30am, Meinig Recital Hall

18 April: Senior Farewell Luncheon, 11:30am, Location TBD

25 April: TA Formal Meeting, 1:00pm, Home of Eugene Gibbs

8-10 May: Mayfest

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

ZETA A PROVINCE DAY MARCH 28, STILLWATER



Iota Alpha Chapter will host Zeta A Province Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 28 at University Heights Baptist Church in Stillwater. Be sure to save the date!

Concerts with Commentary featuring Alumna Judith Raiford!

On Tuesday, Feb 11 at 7:30pm Tulsa Alumnae member Professor Judith Raiford, along with Brady McElligott (baritone/piano) and Diane Bucchianeri (cello), celebrated innovative women composers in the Concerts with Commentary series concentrating on “Pioneer Women.”

People of Note



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Debbie Watts (TA, February 6), Emma Fishback (SG, February 13), and Alexis Milford-Rosales (SG, February 29)!

🎵 Congratulations to the entire MIT class of Spring 2020! We are so happy to welcome you all to the Sigma Gamma Chapter.

🎵 Bravae to Tulsa Alumnae Chapter, who won the Region II Alumnae Achievement Chapter Award!!

🎵 Jeanne Stover is home and recuperating well from surgery. We are sending her well wishes for a speedy recovery!



New Alumnae Board Members Needed!

This Spring, Tulsa Alumnae chapter is looking for new officers! We have some upcoming vacancies on the board and

need volunteers to help serve for the 2020-2021 year. If you are interested in holding office (feel free to voice interest in any of the board positions), please contact a Nominating Committee member at the email addresses below:

Jeanne Stover (jmstrings4m@cox.net); Kathy Huber (kjhuber74@gmail.com); Peggy Cooper (cooper.dale@att.net)

Tulsa Alumnae's 2020 Fundraiser continues!

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It's not too late to send in your contributions for this important fundraising effort, which will go towards our yearly service project.

You can access the fundraising form online, via the January issue of *The Scroll* at <https://saitulsaalumnae.wixsite.com/saitulsa/newsletter>.

Please contact Sherye Halliburton (sherye@cox.net) with any questions, or you can mail your contributions to her at 4113 E. 42nd St, Tulsa, OK 74135.

Tulsa Youth Symphony concert is February 17

Tulsa Youth Symphony will present its winter concert at 7 p.m. February 17 at the Union High School Performing Arts Center, 6636 South Mingo Road, with performances by the Symphony Orchestra and Concert Orchestra. Repertoire includes "An Outdoor Overture" by Aaron Copland; selections from the "New World" Symphony by Antonín Dvořák, with guest conductor Ron Spigelman; "The Montagues and Capulets" from *Romeo and Juliet* by Sergei Prokofiev; and "Havana" by Pharrell Williams.

The concert is supported in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council, which receives support from the state of Oklahoma and the National Endowment for the Arts. The symphony also is affiliated with Arts Alliance Tulsa and the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa.

Ronald Wheeler, a National Arts Associate of Sigma Alpha Iota, is executive director of Tulsa Youth Symphony, which was founded in 1963 for young musicians in northeastern Oklahoma.

For more information or tickets, call 918-592-7725 or go to www.tyso.org.



Tulsa Alumnae News and Announcements

Alumnae Musicale Special Guests!

Over the next couple of months, we have some exciting special guests joining us for our meeting musicales. Please make plans to attend and hear these talented musicians!

In **February**, we welcome dramatic mezzo-soprano Barbara McAlister and her students to perform at our Tulsa Alumnae meeting, accompanied by pianist Aaron Beck.

Barbara McAlister is an internationally acclaimed mezzo-soprano Native American opera singer from Muskogee. McAlister has performed in the opera houses of Passau, Koblenz, Bremerhaven, and Flensburg in Germany, as well as in Monte Carlo, Cannes, Modena, Ferrara, Paris, Lisbon and Hong Kong, and has appeared with such prominent orchestras as the Houston Symphony, the Dusseldorf Symphony, and the Symphony in Passau. McAlister has been under contract for nearly 10 years with the Cherokee Nation as a fine arts instructor teaching classical voice. In 2019 McAlister also received some esteemed recognition when she was presented a Governor's Arts Award for long-standing leadership and contributions in the arts.

Aaron Beck is the Artistic Administrator and Director of Education for Tulsa Opera, where he oversees all Education and Outreach programs. Under Mr. Beck's leadership, Tulsa Opera's education programs have grown to reach over 24,000 students and 1,000 teachers annually across Oklahoma. Beck is also Music Director of Tulsa Youth Opera, Tulsa Opera's prestigious vocal music training program for students in grades 3-12. Additionally, Beck spearheaded the development of Tulsa Opera's "Raise Your Voice!" program, bringing vocal music back to all Tulsa Public Schools students. Mr. Beck received his Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance from the Manhattan School of Music and a Master of Music in Opera Coaching and Conducting from Florida State University.

In **March**, our own "Broadway Dreamer" Lynette Bennett Danskin will perform along with Jazz Pianist Mike Seals.

Mike Seals is a 1975 graduate of Ponca City High School & North Texas State University has both his Bachelor and Master degrees in Jazz Piano Performance. He was a member of the US Army Band program for 10 years as a piano player, and worked overseas for nearly 30 years, with 26 years in Kuwait where he had two bands, The Kuwait Jazz Trio and a rock cover band called "Bar None." He and his wife, Kym (Long) returned to Ponca City last December after Mike taught music for a year at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey.



MARCH 3, 2020

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Taziki's Fundraiser

Join us for Tulsa Alumnae chapter's upcoming service project fundraiser! On March 3, visit Taziki's at **either of their two locations** on Cherry Street or 71st, at **any time** during opening hours. Be sure to **bring or mention the flyer** below. Invite family, friends and neighbors to join for a wide variety of tasty Mediterranean food!

Sigma Gamma News and Announcements

Welcome, Sigma Gamma Spring 2020 MIT's!



New Sigma Gamma MIT's pose with their big sisters!



Sigma Gamma seniors at Spring 2020 Pledging Ceremony!

LOVE AND
Roses

Patroness Initiation Update!

Sigma Gamma's Patroness initiation of Suzy Thompson will now take place at **3:30pm** on Sat. 2/15 in Kaiser Hall.

Directions to Kaiser once you enter the building:

When you walk into the Lorton Performance Center at TU (facing west), on the first floor there is a hallway on the right side of the building (with Meinig Recital Hall, which is normally where we hold our ritual ceremonies) and there is a hallway on the left side. Kaiser Hall is at the very front of the left side of the hallway. There is an office (Professor Richard Wagner's office) and Kaiser is right next door, directly mirroring the location of Meinig. There is also the lettering above the door that labels that reads "The George Kaiser Family Foundation Rehearsal Hall," or Room 1030. In addition, we will have sisters outside the door, so you can just follow the chatter and giggles.

For the parking:

Parking will probably be best to go to the large "LPC LOT," which is on the north side of the grass patch in front of the building. It is the parking lot that lines Harvard and is next to an apartment complex and NOT the Reynolds Center/where the basketball games are held. If there is someone guarding the lot for the basketball game, just tell them that there is an event that you are attending in LPC, and they should let you in. However, the people manning the lots should be long gone by 3:30!