

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 February *Scroll* issue. Tulsa Alumnae, please get information to Megan Gibson at chapter meetings or by email. Sigma Gammas, please get information to Carlie Wiseley.

📢 Please note Alumna Barbara Dehn-Wittke’s new address:
13501 Piedmont Vista Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169.

📢 Save the date for convention: July 26-30, 2018!

📢 Tulsa Alumnae - **The date and location of our March meeting has been updated!** This meeting will take place on **Saturday, March 24 at 1:00pm at University United Methodist Church.**

*Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting
Saturday, 27 January 1:00 pm*

Location:

Home of Debbie Watts
9732 S. 99th E. Ave

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

January Musicale: “Science and Art Wake the Muses”

Tracy Crow, Karen Hiller, Sharon Doty

Hostesses

Debbie Watts, Jodi Powell, Karen Gingrich

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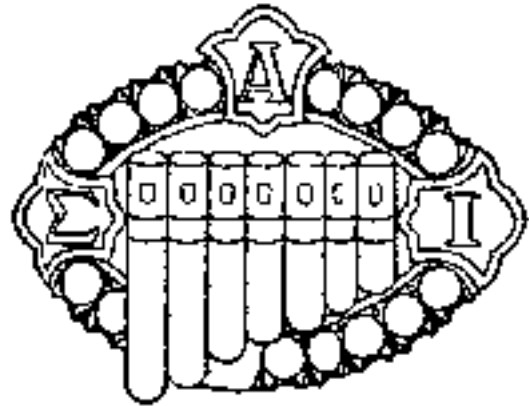
Sigma Gamma Chapter Communications

Erin Jones

2018 has begun, and that means so have all the spring semester activities for the chapter!

This week, January 15-19, is our Spring Recruitment and we are so excited to meet many interested ladies. Our Pledging Ceremony will be Friday, January 26, 2018, at 7:30 pm in the Lorton Performance Center on TU's campus. We are also looking forward to our Philanthropy Dinner on Monday, February 5, 2018, from 5:00-8:00 pm in the Allen Chapman Student Union. This year, we are working to collect music, instruments, funds, and other necessary musical education items for a school in Houston that was damaged by Hurricane Harvey.

Thank you for all your continued support!



Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Communications

Patty Mandrell

Hard to believe it's 2018, Tulsa Alumnae's 75th anniversary year!

That's a lot of history and memories. To celebrate we have lots of activities scheduled: affiliating new members in January, honoring National Arts Associate Jim Cohn and his wife Eileen on his 90th birthday at our February potluck, electing new officers in March, sponsoring the John Rush Benefit Concert in April and rounding out spring with the Senior Farewell Luncheon, Mayfest, and our salad luncheon in May. Top all this off with National Convention in July.

Mark your calendars with these opportunities for celebrating music and SAI sisterhood and supporting good ol' Tulsa Alumnae.

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

“Our Badge: How It Came to Be” by Sue Amstutz

Our Founder, Minnie Davis (Sherrill), accepted the responsibility of coming up with a badge design given her by the other Founders in 1904. She knew that the letters Sigma, Alpha, Iota, would be central on the “sorority’s” badge, but was not sure about what else to include. Asking Albert Stanley (Director of the University School of Music in Ann Arbor) what he suggested, Stanley offered his opinion that the Pipes of Pan be the central figure. He also recommended that Minnie contact the firm of Roehm & Son in Detroit and request designs. Roehm & Son’s chief designer, Charles R. Miller, provided the final selection. That design is basically unchanged today: an elliptical gold pin circling the Pipes of Pan, surrounded by a jeweled pearl oval (some early badges also used garnets in the jeweled oval) and the Greek letters “Sigma,” “Alpha,” and “Iota” on small black enameled plaques spaced at the top and sides of the oval.

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 January: Sigma Gamma Pledging Ceremony, 7:30pm, Lorton Performance Center

27 January: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting

5 February: Sigma Gamma Philanthropy Dinner, 5:00-8:00pm, ACSU, Great Hall

10 February: Zeta B Province Day

12 February: TU Symphony Concert, 7:30pm, Lorton PC

13 February: Béla Rózsa Music Composition Competition, 7:30pm, Lorton PC

22 February: Béla Rózsa Memorial Concert, 7:30pm, Lorton PC

24 February: Tulsa Alumnae Potluck

27 March: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting

7 April: Zeta A Province Day

8 April: Sigma Gamma Spring Initiation

21 April: Tulsa Alumnae Formal Meeting

22 April: Tulsa Alumnae Chapter Benefit Concert for Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies Pan’s Cottage, feat. John Rush, 2:00pm, Meinig Recital Hall, Lorton Performance Center

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

12 May: Tulsa Alumnae Salad Luncheon

17-20 May 2018: Mayfest

Sigma Gamma Alumna Hope Forsyth was featured in the November 2017 Jenks District Gazette! Check out what they have to say about this busy Alumna!

Hope Forsyth, a student at The University of Tulsa College of Law, has been selected as the college's **Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA) Outstanding Student** in 2017. Annually, each law school in the state selects a graduating student to receive the award at the OBA meeting in November.

"I'm honored and excited to be selected as TU's representative for this great honor," says Forsyth. "I greatly appreciate the stellar education, mentorship and opportunities I have received throughout both my law and undergraduate education at TU."

Forsyth is the executive editor of the *Tulsa Law Review*, a student member of the Council Oak/Johnson-Sontag Inn of Court and a member of Phi Delta Phi. She has earned eight CALI Excellence for the Future Awards for the highest grade in various classes and the George and Jean Price Award for legal reasoning, research and writing.

During her time at TU, Forsyth has gained experience at multiple levels of the federal court system through internships for Chief Judge Gregory K. Frizzell, former Magistrate Judge T. Lane Wilson and Magistrate Judge Paul J. Cleary, all of the Northern District of Oklahoma. In the spring of 2018, Forsyth will extern for Tenth Circuit Senior Judge Stephanie K. Seymour.

Forsyth's law review comment, "Mutually Assured Protection: Dmitri Shostakovich and Russian Influence on American Copyright Law," will be published in the *Tulsa Law Review* Spring 2018 issue. Prior to law school, her examination of the historical and current use of the word "forum" was published in Princeton University Press' *Digital Keywords: A Vocabulary of Information Society and Culture*.

Forsyth grew up in Cushing, where her father practices law. She earned a bachelor's degree magna cum laude in communication and media studies with minors in English and philosophy from The University of Tulsa.



FORSYTH



Our Tulsa chapters helped to spread festive cheer by caroling around town this past December. Tulsa Alumnae went caroling on Saturday, December 9 to Brookdale Senior Living Midtown and Villages of Southern Hills, where Karen Cluck's mother resides. Peggy Cooper accompanied on the piano, and our music was directed by Karen Gingrich. From left to right (and back): Megan Gibson, Sue Amstutz, Peggy Cooper, Patty Mandrell, Sharon Doty, Sherye Halliburton, Barb Derby, Karen Cluck, Sherry Crosby, Karen Gingrich, Kara Street, (front) Beth Keener, Liam and Rhys Street. Sigma Gamma sang and performed at the Junior League of Tulsa's 2017 Holiday Market.



OKLAHOMA SAIs WELCOME NU BETA CHAPTER

SAI's newest chapter in Oklahoma was installed on Sunday, November 19, 2017. Nu Beta Chapter, located at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, joins the other Zeta B chapters in Oklahoma as its westernmost chapter. Beth Lopez, National Vice President of Extension, officiated as the newest Oklahoma Sisters first experienced initiation, followed by their chapter's installation and receipt of their chapter charter. The ceremonies were attended by representatives from a majority of Oklahoma SAI chapters, including from Zeta A: Sigma Gamma who led the Meditation and Iota Alpha who assisted with the ritual. Alumnae chapters with representatives included Oklahoma City; Edmond, represented by Barbara Atkinson (former Zeta Province Officer and National Treasurer); and Tulsa Alumnae represented by chapter officers Patty Mandrell, Sherye Halliburton, Sue Amstutz, and Sharon Doty who had prepared and trained the Nu Beta members for their entrance into SAI (Sharon also participated in the ritual).

Prior to the initiation and installation, the new SAIs presented a noon musicale which was followed by a reception in their honor.

Tulsa Alumnae presented each of our eighteen new Sisters with a rose-embossed photo frame in which to feature her chapter's group initiation / installation photo. We join the rest of Oklahoma SAIs in welcoming our Nu Beta Sisters and wish them success and joy as they begin their life together as SAIs.



Welcome to our newest Sigma Gamma Sisters!

Sigma Gamma initiated seven ladies in Fall 2017. Alumna Sue Amstutz led meditation and Alumnae Patty Mandrell and Beth Keener were able to attend as well. Let's welcome and get to know our newest Tulsa SAI sisters!



Deana Mobley is a Junior elementary education major and psychology minor. She is from Tulsa, OK and she plays flute, piccolo, piano, percussion, and sings.

Kaycee Schaper is a sophomore physics major with a geology minor. She is from Bartlesville, OK and plays cello.

Amber Bunnag-Stoner is a sophomore chemistry major from Tulsa, OK. She plays the cello.



From left
to right:

Jamie Carter, Courtney Spivey, Amber Bunnag-Stoner, Kaycee Schaper, Sarah Carr, Deana Mobley, Rebekah Johnson.

Jamie Carter is a Junior chemical engineering major from Ponca City, OK. She plays violin.

Sarah Carr is a sophomore music education major from Albuquerque, NM. She plays viola, guitar, and piano.

Courtney Spivey is a sophomore graphic design and computer science gaming simulation double major. She is from Tulsa, OK and plays clarinet and piano.

Rebekah Johnson is a Senior nursing major from Tulsa, OK. She plays the Flute.

Tulsa Chapters Spring Fundraising and Philanthropy!

FUNDRAISER FUN

It's time for another "fun" fundraiser to help achieve our goal of fully funding our 2017-18 service project through incidental fundraisers. First, a special thank you to all who took advantage of dining out at Hideaway Pizza in November. We raised \$94 dollars just by enjoying pizza or other Italian dishes as well as having a good time doing it. Now I'm hoping everyone will join this second fundraiser during January and also have a little fun doing it too. The fundraiser is easy and you don't even have to leave the comfort of your home to participate. You will find a page entitled **January J-Words to add a Jingle to our Treasury** in this issue of the Scroll. Simply read each J-word phrase and put a check by each item that relates to you. Add up the check marks and multiply by 5 cents. The total is your contribution to the January J-word jingle fundraiser. You can either bring your contribution to the January 27th meeting or mail by the meeting date to Sherye Halliburton, 4113 E. 42nd St., Tulsa, OK 74135. Have a little fun as you join in the J-word fundraiser and support our Alumnae Chapter as we once again put "fun" in fundraising.

Directions: Put a check mark by each item that relates to you. Add up the checkmarks and multiple by 5 cents. The total is your contribution to this January Fundraiser.



Sigma Gamma Philanthropy Project

This year for our philanthropy, we will be raising money for Sullivan Middle School in the Pasadena Independent School District in Houston. They were severely affected by Hurricane Harvey and are in need of instruments and music. In March, we will be holding an instrument drive to collect instruments, music books or sheet music, and any sort of supplies (such as strings and reeds) that people might want to donate to the school. We will be making an announcement soon with the date of the instrument drive!

J Item	✓	J Item	✓
Can sing jingle bells		Know where Japan is	
Know where Jamaica is		Ever tried to “keep up with the Jones ”	
Like jelly on toast		Know what a jockey does	
Have ever seen a juggler		Ever interviewed for a job	
Like orange juice		Ever been on a jury	
Ever said the phrase “in a jiffy ”		Know someone who is jovial	
Ever had a jack-o-lantern		Have a pair of jeans	
Know someone named Judy or Julie		Know the nursery rhyme “ Jack and Jill ”	
Know someone named John or Jim		Have heard the term knee jerk reaction	
Have ever chewed juicy fruit gum		Have traveled on a jet	
Can jog		Have ever watch the TV show Jeopardy	
Have ever played jump rope		Have junk in your garage	
Ever played jacks as a child		Have ever seen a jonquil	
Have ever sung SAIs “A Jolly Band”		Have ever been to Joplin , Mo.	
Ever joined an organization		Has seen John Holcomb on Channel 6	
Ever seen a 4 th of July shoe		Have ever heard of a Jabberwocky	
Ever attended a June wedding		Have heard music by Joseph Hayden	
Ever bought a jar of jelly		Know who John Hancock is	
Ever said the phrase “in a jiffy ”		Ever been to Jenks , OK	
Ever been jostled		Ever seen a June bug	
Ever seen a judge on TV, real or otherwise		Ever had the jitters	
Know where Jerusalem is		Believe in justice for all	
Know what a javelin is		Ever been in a traffic jam	
Like Jello		Remember when you were a juvenile	
Ever eaten a jawbreaker		Can sing the carol “ Joy to the World”	
Ever taken a journey		Ever heard the term joystick	
Went to junior high school		Ever kept a journal	
Ever heard of Jekyll and Hyde		Ever worked a jigsaw puzzle	
Ever talked to a jeweler		Have a light weight jacket	
Ever listened to jazz		Ever gone on a little jaunt	
Ever played a juke box		Ever seen a jack-in-the box toy	
Have clothing made of jersey material		Ever heard a jackhammer	
Ever been jealous		Ever heard of a jamboree	
Ever heard of Joan of Arc		Know what a jardinière is	
Know whose initials were JFK		Seen or ridden in a jeep	
Ever seen a Tom and Jerry cartoon		Ever heard the term Jack Frost	
Ever seen a jellyfish		Know who Thomas Jefferson is	
Ever heard the term jester		Ever seen a John Wayne movie	
Have ever jaywalked		Can find New Jersey on a map	
Ever eater beef jerky		Ever eaten a jelly donut	
Ever hit a jackpot		Ever eaten a Jolly Rancher	
Know what a “ jam session ” is		Ever climbed on a jungle gym	
Ever said “ just a moment ”		Know who Judy Garland is	
Ever seen a jalopy		Remember when TCC was Tulsa Junior College	
Ever seen a jaguar		Ever saw a Jimmy Stewart movie	
Ever told a joke		Ever eaten jumbo shrimp	
Know who Jiminy Cricket is		Ever was jinxed on something	
Have pieces of jewelry		Ever called pajamas “ jammies ”	
Know what a jackal is		Ever heard of Johnny Appleseed	
Know the color of jade		Heard the term “ jet stream ” on a weather cast	
✓ COLUMN TOTAL		✓ COLUMN TOTAL	
✓ GRAND TOTAL			



Jeanette C. Maxfield

November 19, 1935 – December 18, 2017

Jeanette Coyan Maxfield passed away peacefully Monday, December 18, 2017, in Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, Indiana, and the final cadence of a beautiful, musical life sounded. She was 82 years old.

She was taken to the hospital late on December 8th, with a seemingly mild stroke which left her weak on her left side. She was alert and positive regarding rehabilitation. Her body became weaker as complications with her liver, spleen, heart, and lungs were revealed. Despite the lack of any pain or symptoms associated with these difficulties, infection set in which antibiotics could not remedy.

Born Dorothy Jeanette Coyan, November 19, 1935, to Letitia Clare (Manly) Coyan and Hubert Coyan, in Pryor, Oklahoma, Jeanette grew up in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where she later attended Northeastern State University and met her future husband, Joe Maxfield. She completed her studies at the University of Tulsa where she earned a degree in Music Education and subsequently her Masters plus 60.

At the age of four, it was evident Jeanette was musically inclined as she easily harmonized, matched pitches, and sang duets. By the age of six, she played piano well by ear and developed her talent by taking piano lessons in Tahlequah from Mildred Fite. As a teen, Jeanette played for tap and ballet classes and accompanied in various local church services and for revivals. Although raised in the Baptist church, her life was spent playing for many denominations and her knowledge of hymns and styles of worship was vast.

At TU, Jeanette studied organ under Dr. Thomas Matthews; a life-long musical inspiration. She was an energetic elementary and Jr. high music teacher in Claremore and Tulsa and served as organist and/or choirmaster in several Tulsa churches including Asbury Methodist, Boston Avenue Methodist, John Knox Presbyterian, Fellowship Congregational, College Hill Presbyterian, St. Simeon's and St. Aidan's Episcopal, and St. Luke's Episcopal. For several years, she also accompanied the prep choir of the Tulsa Boy Singers, under the direction of Gene Roads, and was responsible for nudging many young singers into that organization.

Jeanette's mantra was, "God put me on this earth to accompany group singing," and she used her gift liberally. She was once introduced by Dr. Joseph Rivers of the University of Tulsa as, "a good friend and a musical servant," and that is exactly how she wished to be remembered. She was a dynamic accompanist for scores of vocalists and instrumentalists

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beginning in college and for her own daughters and grandchildren whom she encouraged both vocally and instrumentally.

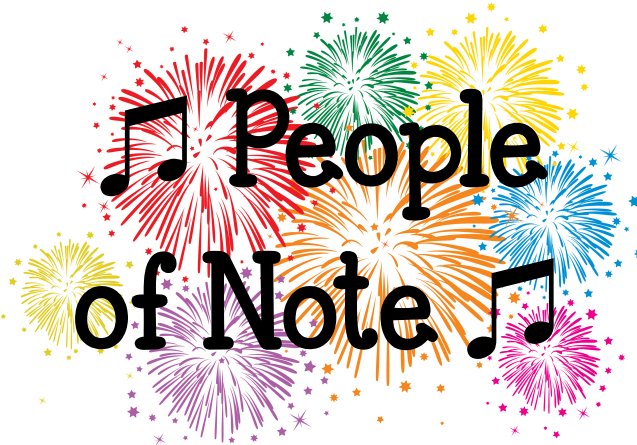
Her world revolved around making music as she taught piano and organ, directed choirs, mounted music programs and plays, played wedding, funeral, and church services, accompanied senior and community choruses, voluntarily played at nursing homes, senior centers, and anywhere she found an unoccupied piano or organ. She was able to transpose at will and take requests when playing for entertainment. For a time, she accompanied the Drunkard and the Olio at Tulsa Spotlight Theater. In the 1990s, she developed a love for theater organ and routinely played for the silent movies shown at Tulsa's annual summer Starlight Band Concerts. Since moving to Muncie, Indiana, five years ago, Jeanette had served as organist at Lutheran Church of the Cross.

In 1956, she married Joe Seth Maxfield of Porum, Oklahoma, and together they raised two daughters; Claire and Adele. A social butterfly, Jeanette "cultivated her friends like a delicate rose garden, and was the best friend a person could have," according to her life-long friend Virginia Gibson. She was the queen of personal phone calls and handwritten notes and letters. She was a member of SAI, Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity, and AGO, the American Guild of Organists. She established a music scholarship in the memory of her musical mother, Clare, and brother, Tom, at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

Jeanette is survived by her husband of 61 years, Joe; daughters Claire Pusey (Michael) and Adele Maxfield; "adopted" daughter, Judy Elton; grandchildren, Stephen Pusey (Meredith), and Sean Pusey; brother, Ronald Stroup; sisters Irene Dallas and Letitia Keene (Charlie). She is preceded in death by her parents Hubert Coyan and Clare Stroup; stepfather, Ed Stroup; brothers, Roy Stroup and Thomas Stroup. The family loved, admired, and will deeply miss their dear wife, mother, grandma, sister, enthusiastic cheerleader, and musical encyclopedia.

A memorial service celebrating Jeanette's life will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2017, at 1:30 P.M., at Lutheran Church of the Cross, in Muncie, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Muncie Delaware Senior Center, Lutheran Church of the Cross, or Price Jackson; Indiana Legal Services.





People of Note

- ♪ Bon Voyage and Happy Trails to Alumna Kara Street who has moved to the St. Louis area. We wish you all the best and will miss you very much!
- ♪ Jeanette Maxfield was a longtime active member and supporter of the Tulsa Alumnae chapter. She passed away this past December and we will miss her very much. Our sincerest condolences go out to her family and friends.
- ♪ Oz Wittke, husband to Alumna Barbara Dehn-Wittke, passed away November 2017. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Barb and her family during this difficult time.
- ♪ Congratulations to Sigma Gamma Tori Gellman on her acceptance into the Santa Barbara International Film Festival's Studies Program!



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as Years
go by...

Keep up with our Tulsa chapters online!

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