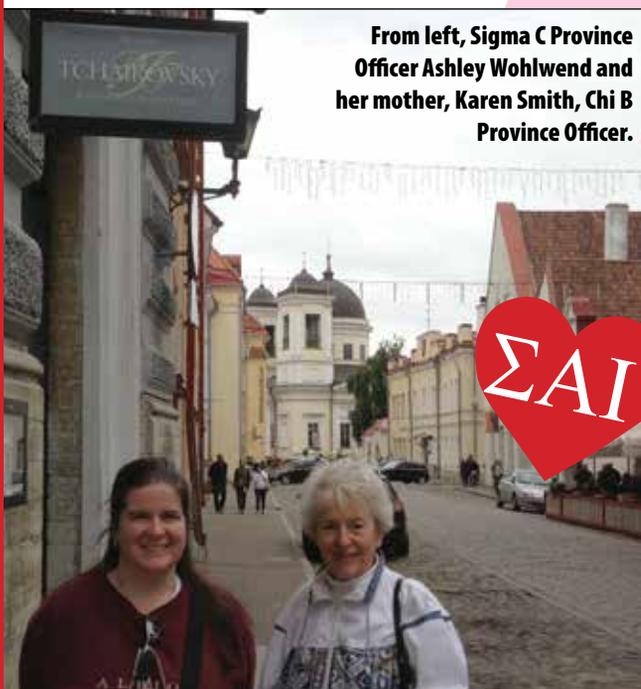




# Sigma Alpha Iota



Future Sigma C Province Officer Ashley Wohlwend with her grandmother, Betty Hicks, Patroness member.



From left, Sigma C Province Officer Ashley Wohlwend and her mother, Karen Smith, Chi B Province Officer.



## “resonating through the generations...”

**R**ehearsals/recitals/performance in the living room, stuffing chapter newsletters at the kitchen table, comparing notes on chapter activities, holding the same offices in different locales, and being roommates at National Conventions--what better way to share SAI memories from grandmother to daughter to granddaughter? We all came to SAI by different paths, but in the end, we shared the same wonderful sisterhood. Grandmother (Betty Hicks) was 'recruited' to be a patroness by Alpha Xi Chapter (Chicago Musical College) and spent most of her active SAI years with the LaGrange, IL Alumnae Chapter. Her daughter, Karen (Hicks Smith), was delighted to join Xi Chapter at Lawrence University and later affiliated with the alumnae chapter in Pittsburgh, PA. Granddaughter Ashley (Smith Wohlwend) was initiated by Iota Pi chapter (Albion College), and subsequently joined the Tucson and the Cleveland Alumnae Chapters. For the past several years, both Karen and Ashley have served as Province Officers and have held joint officer training sessions as well as encouraged cross-province attendance at Province Days. But, best of all, they've been 'roomies' at National Conventions in both Chicago and St. Louis. What could be more memorable than that!

— Ashley Wohlwend and Karen Smith

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**I** have always loved SAI since my initiation into the Alpha Omicron Chapter in 1950 at Occidental College, Los Angeles. My husband, Chuck, a fine pianist, was initiated as a Friend of the Arts in 1988. He and I would play piano duets or piano/organ duets for SAI meetings. I had the honor and privilege of initiating him when I was president of the Santa Clara Valley Alumnae Chapter.

Early on my granddaughter Laura Marshall showed signs of fine musical talent. When she started looking at schools for her higher education, I was very happy when she selected Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio. There she was initiated by the Alpha Gamma Chapter.

As the incoming president, she attended the Chicago National Convention in 2009, which I also attended. We had a number of delightful times together. Laura is now a high school music teacher and a member of the Boulder Alumnae Chapter.

Some of my happiest SAI moments have been hearing my granddaughter and SAI sister, Laura Marshall sing, and when I made music with my husband, Chuck. — *Edie Marshall*



**Former Regional Officer Edie Marshall and her husband, Chuck, with granddaughter Laura Marshall.**



**Janwin Overstreet-Goode, left, Iota Beta initiate, and her daughter, Catherine Goode, a Beta Pi initiate.**

**I** knew going into college that I wanted to be an SAI sister. I had heard stories for many years about what a great experience my mom had at Murray State University (Iota Beta), and I wanted to have the same kind of experience at University of Houston (Beta Pi). Being in SAI together means that she's been able to share all my important moments in SAI. She was there for my Initiation, Senior Commitment Ceremony, and when I received the Ruby Sword of Honor. I couldn't have asked for anything better than being an SAI sister with my mom.

— *Catherine Goode (Lansing/East Lansing Alumnae chapter)*

**S**AI was such an important part of my college experience, and I wanted my daughter to have the same opportunity. I am proud to call Catherine my daughter; and, being able to call her my sister in SAI makes our relationship that much stronger.

— *Janwin Overstreet-Goode*

**T**here isn't another bond that I know of quite like being a sister of SAI. I find continual joy from meeting sisters all over the country. What's even better? Being able to share all of these experiences with my twin sister! After college, many fear losing touch, even with the closest friends. Thankfully, I will always have my sister and never worry about losing touch. Being a sister's sister is one of the best experiences I have ever had, and I am so thankful to SAI for giving us that opportunity.

— *Keri Flowers, Rho A Province Officer*



**A**fter college, Keri became a Province Officer, and it gave me the boost and confidence I needed to become a Province Officer myself. I am honored to have taken over her previous province. It is fun to see the looks on advisors' and members' faces when they expect to meet a new PO and Keri's twin walks in the door. Being able to share our lives together as twins during childhood and continue in our adult lives is a blessing that we are able to have through being "Sister-Sisters."

— *Donna Smith, Rho B Province Officer*

*As you read these wonderful memories, we hope you will find yourself resonating with SAI feelings too. Make your gift today.*