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SAI Unveils New Database, Officer Portal

Recording and archiving SAI membership records has always been an important process. From the very first hand-typed index cards, kept in metal boxes to the sophisticated computerized database maintained at National Headquarters, information about members has been available to the NEB for identifying potential new leaders, to alumnae chapters for membership recruitment, and to collegiate chapters for inviting chapter alumnae to anniversaries and other special events.

Historically, the database has also made it possible to mail out *PAN PIPES* to subscribers, to contact members about scholarship opportunities, and to encourage members to participate in the Fraternity's affinity programs.

The first rudimentary electronic database was set up in the mid-1980s, using a Burroughs computer. There was not much memory, so only the basics — name, current address, initiating chapter and date, current chapter affiliation — could be stored. In 1992, the Fraternity purchased

a program called Fraternity Management System and since that time, it has evolved from a UNIX database to a Windows platform, called PATRIOT. This summer, PATRIOT was upgraded to the 2.0 version, and a new feature called the Officer Portal (OP) was introduced.

The membership of SAI had requested that the Fraternity find ways to increase efficiency, to "go green," to facilitate networking. The Officer Portal allows for the sharing of information with other officers in the communications hierarchy, from the chapter level, to the province and regional level, and the national level. Officers can now access information in real time — officers can be changed immediately, contact information can be updated, chapter statements can be viewed, reports can be submitted online, and much of the duplication of paper forms has been eliminated.

At the same time, the old MIT process, written in 2002, needed to be put into contemporary programming language so that it could be accessed from different

types of computers and browsers. This fall, the first MIT classes to utilize this new system have been successfully logging in, taking national exams, and being processed into the national database. The staff of National Headquarters is busily converting old reports and forms into the new format, and as more of these become available, officers will see them on the Forms list, on the chapter calendar, and in the Document Library. It is an exciting time to be an SAI officer, as anyone serving as a volunteer can attest.

Being 108 years old, SAI has certainly progressed through many eras of information storage and retrieval. The Fraternity is happy to support the membership with the most advanced technology available.

Thank you for growing along with us!

The annual *Tempo!* directory normally found in each Fall issue has been replaced by an officer/region listing in the Fall *PAN PIPES*. Contact information can be accessed via the new SAI officer portal.

NH Sculpture Vandalized; Suspect Arrested

As many SAI members are aware, last May the beautiful sculpture at SAI National Headquarters was vandalized, and pieces of it were stolen.

A local news channel carried the interview with Ruth Sieber Johnson, Executive Director, and subsequent expressions of concern and outrage were received from members. The Asheville police, following up on leads from a local scrap metal facility, arrested the person held responsible, and the outcome of the case is pending.

In the meantime, the original sculptor, Jim Milar, has been commissioned to create new elements to replace the bronze roses that were stolen. More security measures are also being implemented at National Headquarters to provide additional protection.

When the sculpture has been restored, Bill and Ginny Johnson, the donors, will be invited to come share in the celebration.

Thank you to SAI members and friends for the loving energy directed toward Asheville!



The sculpture at National Headquarters seen before (left) and after its bronze rose stems were clipped in May.

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The Region I Collegiate Chapter Achievement Award was presented to Sigma Zeta at the Nu province Day by Region I RO Edie Marshall.

Theta — Washburn University, Topeka, KS

The ladies of Theta Chapter had two successful recruitment events: a Musical Movie Night and Fall Fun, with pumpkin picking, a corn maze, and hayrack rides. The chapter's theme for their homecoming ball and parade float is "Fear the Composers." — *Kelsey Rice, editor*

Sigma Eta — University of Redlands, CA

Fourteen women were initiated in April, nearly doubling the membership. Welcomed into the sisterhood were Aralia Malin, Elizabeth Haefner, Kelly McGrath, Megan Griffiths, Megan Thudium, Beth Mays, Sierra Meza, Hope Watts, Jessica Nunez, Kathleen Montenegro, Sophie Tait, Cheryl Rotundo, Leah Oubre, and Danielle Cook. The chapter said farewell to five members at their senior commitment ceremony in May. — *Alannah Roberson, editor*



Sigma Eta initiated 14 new members in April.

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Alpha Zeta members Kylie Groom, April Nelson, and Renee Lawrence attend a campus fundraiser at Oklahoma City University.

Alpha Zeta — Oklahoma City University, OK

On March 25, Oklahoma City University's SAI and Phi Mu Alpha chapters hosted a concert to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief, specifically their work in Japan. The Pacific Relief Benefit Concert raised \$1,219 and featured performances from professors, students, and a local high-school choir. The day after the concert, Alpha Zeta initiated 14 new members, bringing the chapter's membership total to 33. The new sisters participated in the Relay for Life fundraising effort and raised \$1,095, with the rest of the chapter raising \$2,445.

Taylor Forester, last year's chapter president, received the Ruby Sword of Honor and the National Collegiate Leadership Award at a formal meeting in September. She worked diligently to further Alpha Zeta and music in her community. Seven members-in-training will be initiated this fall. — *Elizabeth Lipton, editor*

Alpha Mu — Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Alpha Mu, which doubled its membership to 26, has been involved in several projects this semester, including starting an outreach program with

the Cyert Children's Center on campus. Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter President Sandy Shelly works with the 2- and 3-year-old children and was instrumental in forming the partnership. Through songs, dance, basic eurhythmics, and instrumental performances, Alpha Mu sisters bring music to the children in an interactive manner that is both fun and educational.

In May, the chapter collected over 350 items to donate to Global Heartstrings, a project of Honorary Member Rachel Barton Pine which supports classical musicians in developing countries who cannot afford basic supplies for their instruments. Currently, materials are being sent to Haiti, Kenya, Ghana, and Nigeria.

Katherine Blakely and Rebecca MacNamee were each awarded the Sword of Honor; Loghan Bazan received the Collegiate Honor Award and the Scholastic Award.

— *Rebecca MacNamee, editor*

Gamma Epsilon — University of Maryland, College Park

"Caribbean Night" and "Harvest Night" were the themes for recruitment events this fall. Celia Studt and Rhiannon Aguilar will become members of Gamma Epsilon's sisterhood. — *Teresa Ferrara, editor*

Delta Alpha — Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA

Eleven new sisters were initiated into Delta Alpha in the spring. Earlier in the semester, the chapter organized the annual Pickwell Recital, a concert of American compositions. The sisters participated in Relay for Life and held an anniversary event for all Delta Alpha alumnae. The musicale included traditional and contemporary American favorites, as well as SAI songs.

— *Laura Gingerich, editor*

Delta Gamma — University of Florida, Gainesville

In September, the women of Delta Gamma and the Gainesville Alumnae Chapter collaborated with a local Applebee's restaurant to host a successful breakfast fundraiser. Nine new members-in-training have joined the chapter. Member Jamie Wood studied at Salzburg College last summer. She studied the history of Baroque and Classical music, as well as instrumental and vocal arranging. For the final concert in the Mirabell Palace, she arranged a medley of Beatles music. While at Salzburg College, she met two sisters, Theta Tau's Audra Fuhr and Eta Omega's Sharon Su.

— *Alexis Wilson, editor*

Delta Pi — Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN

Six new members joined Delta Pi this spring. After several great auditions, the chapter decided to divide the Mary Ready Fott Scholarship between Erin Keas and Kortney Knight for use in their next semester. A \$500 faculty grant was also awarded by Delta Pi to Professor John Schnettler to purchase much needed supplies for his "Materials and Techniques" class.

— *Brandice Haley, editor*

Epsilon Beta — Gettysburg College, PA

In the spring semester, the Epsilon Beta sisters sold Valentine's Day carnations with special messages to students' friends. Other successful fundraisers included a bake sale and selling chocolate roses. Members Amanda Drahos and Jennifer Carrington spent a semester in Avignon, France, studying voice with Madame Tommasset from Paris. Upon their return to Gettysburg College, they performed "Dans les ruines d'une abbaye" by Faure for a musical. Also, violinist Megan Hilands studied for a semester in Vienna and attended world-class performances at the Staatsoper and Musikverein.

— *Rachel Ciniewicz, editor*



Members of the Epsilon Iota chapter.

Epsilon Iota — University of Tennessee, Martin

The Martin Housing Authority has an after-school program for underprivileged, low-income children. A group of sisters from Epsilon Iota held a community service project there in April. The ladies sang and played musical games with the children, and two sisters, one playing ukulele and the other French horn, performed on their instruments.

Every year at the Skyhawk Marching Band Invitational, the sisters of Epsilon Iota hold their fall fundraiser. They sold barbecue nachos at the event and garnered more than \$685 in profit. — *Hannah Cates, co-editor*

Epsilon Lambda — Belmont University, Nashville, TN

Four new members-in-training joined the sisterhood of Epsilon Lambda chapter after a week of recruitment activities with a Disney theme. The women watched *Tangled*, hosted a musicale centered on classic Disney songs, and went ice skating.

— *Sarah Champion, editor*

Zeta Epsilon — The University of Iowa, Iowa City

Women from Zeta Epsilon attended Xi B Province Day in April. Alpha Upsilon, located at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, hosted the event. With a theme of "Better Every Year," the day included sessions on conducting, practicing, and performing, as well as sharing social ideas happening within the province. Among the ideas suggested was themed formals, such as a Murder Mystery Party, to give members the opportunity to work toward a common goal.

— *Laura Pardun, editor*

Zeta Omicron — Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN

The highlight of the spring semester for the women of Zeta Omicron was assisting the Girl Scouts of Green Hills. The sisters helped the scouts earn their Music Fan Badges by preparing a music history lesson on post-WWII music; teaching an African dance; singing folk songs; interviewing a music teacher; and creating rain sticks with duct tape and paper towel tubes. Other chapter activities included a Red Cross fundraiser for the tsunami relief effort in Japan; helping with the Nashville Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo; welcoming new member Melissa Davis; appreciating the hard work of sponsors Dr. Hughes and Mrs. King; and, giving best wishes for the future to our departing seniors.

— *Alyssa Dunne, editor*



Zeta Omicron members at Girl Scouts Day in April.



Eta Phi — The Pennsylvania State University, University Park

Eta Phi was thrilled to host Chi B Province Day, a day filled with sharing traditions and new ideas. Special guest Daryle Gardner-Bonneau, Chairman of SAI Philanthropies, Inc., gave a presentation. Nine new members were welcomed into the chapter: Angela Hoover, Becky Mapes, Ann Palowitch, Courtney Rearick, Kelsey Ross, Jessie Scrudders, Kelsey Smyth, Allison Spangler, and Kaitlin Zielinski. The new initiates helped decorate and set up for Province Day as their service project. A benefit concert in March, organized by music chairman Amanda Jones, netted over \$300 for Philanthropies. Bassoonist Daryl Durran was initiated as a National Arts Associate in April.

After several recruiting events including musical games night, indoor

Eta Phi hosted the Chi B Province Day at Penn State University.

picnic with “speed date a sister,” and a musicale, six new members-in-training were welcomed into Eta Phi. They are Sofia Alvarez, Natalie Keil, Lauren Lazar, Katie Mixer, Ally Wunsche, and Gigi Zhang. Activities for the fall include ushering at School of Music concerts, fundraising, and working on a Bold Notes submission. — *Quinn Allen, editor*

Theta Epsilon — California State University, Stanislaus

Last spring, two new members were initiated into the chapter. A successful Bingo fundraiser was held in May and will be repeated in December in conjunction with a musicale. — *Graciela Carrillo, editor*

Theta Zeta — Alabama A&M University, Normal

To support a sister whose home was destroyed by a tornado last spring, the women of Theta Zeta held a car wash and raised \$150 for her family. The chapter also volunteered to distribute water to the marching band for two weeks during their rehearsals. — *Michelle McComb, editor*

Theta Kappa — William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ

The sisters of Theta Kappa revived a traditional service project this spring: Following the disaster in Japan, each sister sent letters and drawings of encouragement, hope, and support to students in a shelter at a junior high school in Takasago. Senior Brenda Belohoubek participated in the annual Opera Workshop in April. The chapter’s spring musicale was held in May.

— *Emily Scabill, editor*



The Spring 2011 initiates of Kappa Delta at Clark Atlanta University.

Theta Mu — University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Theta Mu initiated faculty members Gordon James and Erika Schaffer as Friends of the Arts. Ten chapter members traveled to Johnson City, TN, for Psi A Province Day, hosted by Lambda Alpha. The annual rose sale was held on Valentine's Day. On April 28, devastating storms hit the surrounding area. Local schools became shelters, and donation locations were everywhere. Several Theta Mu sisters took food and supplies to the shelters and also donated time to search through wreckage for belongings.

Tiffany Feltner, a 2011 graduate, went to Cuba in June to deliver needed supplies and repairs for a thriving community of musicians. She received donations such as reeds, drumsticks, old instruments, and over 300 band books. [You can read more about this on p.4 in the Summer 2011 PAN PIPES.]

— Sarah Pipkin, editor

Kappa Iota — Tennessee State University, Nashville

Kappa Iota sisters participated in the Nashville Breast Cancer Walk and also hosted "Bare Your Neo-Soul," an open-mic event that allows the students of TSU to showcase their talents, as well as spread the word about Sigma Alpha Iota. In November, the chapter, in collaboration with the men of Phi Mu Alpha, presented an American Music recital.

— Alysia Lee, editor

Kappa Pi — Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro

To emphasize the importance of music, the chapter will focus each recruitment night on different kinds of arts and how music is a vital influence in each of them. New sisters initiated last semester are Bethany Alcorn, Lena Darden, Veronica Hoffman, Emily Jones, Kandace Lovett, Marcea Marable, Courtney Pennington, and Rhianna Williams.

— Shelby Huggins, editor

Kappa Tau — Capital University, Columbus, OH

The sisters of Kappa Tau collaborated with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to purchase a musical instrument for a child battling a life-

threatening disease. Fundraising events have included donations from faculty and friends; a morning recital donut sale; a homemade pizza roll sale; and, donations for the "SAI Wears the Pants" Spring Musicale. Students and faculty donated spare change to vote for a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia to don a dress during the musicale. Over \$600 was raised to donate to the Foundation.

— Kristin Kotalo, editor

Kappa Upsilon — Kansas State University, Manhattan

Kappa Upsilon chapter hosted a Fall Hay Day Fundraiser, with all proceeds going to the KSU Choral Department to commission a new work. Ticketed events included a corn maze, hayride, bonfire, hot dogs and s'mores, and a raffle for prizes donated by local businesses. The event was open to the K-State Music Department and raised \$70.

— Lindsay Bennett, editor

Mu Alpha — Grand Valley State University, MI

On April 23, the Mu Alpha Chapter of SAI was installed at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI. National President Elizabeth Nordling initiated 16 women in Alpha B's newest chapter. She was assisted by Alpha B & C Province Officer Sally Roach and representatives from eight of 10 sister chapters within the province. Other honored guests included SAI Philanthropies Chairman Daryle Garnder-Bonneau, Region V Officer Peggy Glennie, and Alpha A PO Jennie Ross. The new chapter was presented with monetary gifts, a silver tray, and handmade candelabra from the sister chapters. The Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter members will use their sewing talents to make the new chapter's ritual garments. A Welcome Dinner and musicale preceded the chapter's first Formal meeting and Officer Training.

— Alpha B/C PO Sally Roach

Disciplinary Action Taken by NEB

Members Expelled for Conduct Detrimental to the Fraternity:

In accordance with the provisions of Article XVI of the Sigma Alpha Iota Bylaws, the following alumnae members have been expelled from the fraternity:

Delta Epsilon	Tricia Bremer	Crystal Pratt	
	Kasey Cox	Tanesha Reeves	Cathy Tyon



Chapter members from the Theta A and Theta B Provinces convened for the Theta A Province Day.

The Theta A Province Day, hosted by Kappa Upsilon Chapter at Kansas State University, was held on February 5 at College Heights Baptist Church in Manhattan, KS. Forty-one members attended. There were representatives from each chapter of Theta A Province and three members from Theta B Province. Several alumnae and patroness members led a panel discussion on "Staying Involved in SAI after Graduation." The Blue Key Honorary Society from Kansas State University presented two workshops on "Time Stress Management" and "Representing Your Organization." The Sigma Alpha Iota Amazing Race was a fraternity education team competition with several challenging events. The Province Day Musicales was diverse with three vocalists and solos on trumpet, tuba, violin, and piano. The annual province "Penny Wars" fund raiser was won by Theta Chapter and raised \$171.51 for SAI Philanthropies. The luncheon was provided by Kites, a local restaurant that has an ongoing SAI Philanthropies fundraising project with Kappa Upsilon Chapter. The day was full of sisterhood, music, fun and some spontaneous outbursts of singing from the SAI Songbook!

— *Ginger R. Patterson, Theta A Province Officer*

The Iota C Province Day was hosted by the Eta Tau Chapter at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia on April 9. The day started off with a beautifully presented Initiation Ceremony in the Frank Center Theater; eleven new sisters



Members of Theta Lambda attended Tau B Province Day.

were welcomed into SAI. Following initiation, Province Officer Tracey Wygal relayed greetings from our National President Elizabeth Nordling and Regional Officer Joyce Garcia. Tracey then praised chapters for all their hard work over the past year, citing specific examples of projects completed by every chapter. Those in attendance were happily surprised when Shepherd's Phi Mu Alpha chapter appeared to serenade the group.

The afternoon was full of workshops. Each member in attendance rotated in randomly selected groups to each session. The sessions included: a ritual presentation workshop; a Fraternity education workshop with SAI Jeopardy; National Objectives Brainstorming workshop; service project workshop, including making cards for an ailing mother of a Patroness member; and a craft project making stress balls!

In addition to these activities, there was a province-wide musicale and a presentation about alumnae membership by the current alumnae members. There was also a presentation on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Performance Anxiety. At the end of the day, attendees joined together for a light dinner and then went separate ways after a wonderful day of friendship, sisterhood, memories, and happiness.

— *Tracey Wygal, Iota C Province Officer*

The Psi B Province celebrated its Province Day at Middle Tennessee State University on April 2 and was hosted by the Kappa Pi chapter in Murfreesboro, TN. The day, entitled "Fiesta de Rose," was a day steeped in music from around the world and began with breakfast provided by the Nashville Alumnae chapter. The day was filled with music and SAI; 80 members of Psi B took part in F.R.E.D. activities, breakout workshops (that included Salsa dancing!), penny wars, and a Phlea-Phlam to raise money for the province project and SAI Philanthropies. The Keynote speaker was Dr. Felecia Miyakawa, who enlightened us about how we could further highlight the accomplishments of women composers through our organization.

The province was also pleased to have by National Vice President, Extension and Fraternity Development, Marcie Richardson in attendance!

— *Keena Day, Psi B Province Officer*

Arlington (TX)

Each year, the Arlington Alumnae Chapter awards three scholarships to women music students at the University of Texas-Arlington (UTA) in honor of three deceased founding members of our chapter: Vera Barnes, Vivian White, and Isabel Henderson. Katelan Tran Terrell made her concert debut at age 15 on our scholarship benefit musicale. This year, Katelan won the Fort Worth Civic Orchestra's Young Musicians Concerto Competition and the 2010 Texas Music Teacher Association Competition. Katelin is a 12th grader and a UTA Honors Academy Student pursuing a BA in Piano Performance.

— Carol Jones, Editor



Member Laureate Dr. Marilyn Keiser performed at Atlanta's All Saints' Episcopal Church in September in front of members of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter. From left, Dr. Dawn McCord, Dr. Keiser, Member Laureate Dr. Joyce Johnson, Betty Williford, Becky Griffin Ramsey, and Alice Griffin Walker.

Atlanta (GA)

Patroness Mary Frances Early was the featured speaker at the University of Georgia's annual Freedom Breakfast as part of the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of its desegregation. As the first African-American graduate of the university, she has addressed many student groups and received several awards. Congressman John Lewis was the featured speaker at UGA's annual Mary Frances Early Lecture. Gamma Eta member Andrea Love, a soprano, won the chapter's Tau A Scholarship at Province Weekend at Agnes Scott College in February. Twin organists Alice Griffin Walker and Becky Griffin Ramsey were joined by Tom Alderman and Jim Ingram in concert at the First Presbyterian Church in Covington, GA, where Becky was recently honored for her forty years as organist. The climax of the year's activities was the Founders' Day Brunch, when the chapter initiated Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson as a Member Laureate.

— Betty Williford, Editor

Chicago (IL)

On a rainy May 14, members of the Chicago Alumnae Chapter gathered at St. Paul's House, a senior care center, to present an "Afternoon of Music." The special guest was chapter member Jo Patlak, a resident at St. Paul's House, whose SAI membership spans 68 years. Jo was presented with a trio of red roses during the singing of "There is Sweet Music" by the chapter's vocal duet of Kay Bobis and Linda Parapetti, accompanied by James Grace.

— Belinda King, President

Cleveland (OH)

In March, the chapter held the 31st Annual String Competition at the Church of the Covenant for players aged eight to twelve. Cleveland



Members of the Chicago Alumnae Chapter presented an 'Afternoon of Music' to benefit a local senior care center.

Orchestra members kindly served as judges. Our chapter hosted Alpha Nu Chapter (Muskingum College) and the Warren-Youngstown Alumnae Chapter for Sigma C Province Day on April 16 at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. The musicale included flute solos, vocal soloists, and a vocal ensemble. Responding to a request from SAI Philanthropies, Inc., proceeds from a Chinese raffle were donated to the Music Education Outreach Grant.

— Marilyn Meadows, Editor

Des Moines (IA)

We finished the 2010-11 year with another Barnes & Noble book fair to support music programs in the Des Moines Public Schools, a garage sale that benefited SAI Philanthropies Music Education Outreach, and our Kathleen Davison scholarship fund for Pi Chapter members at Drake University. Member Ann Gerdorn put on a free interactive program for local students to learn about the pipe organ, and several chapter members volunteered at the event. In May, Chapter President Sara Danielson received the Sword of Honor, and, this fall, we affiliated Patroness Michelle Jensen.

— Stacie Bendixen, Editor

East Bay (CA)

New officers installed at the June luncheon meeting hosted by Carol Morris were Ann Marquis Fisher, Nancy Cioni, Diane Barton-Brown, Debra Miller, Marilyn Minor, Carol Morris, and Megan Delventhal. Ann was awarded the Rose of Honor, and Sandy Watkins was affiliated as a patroness with training. Nancy Rude hosted the September luncheon. Memorials for Anna Watts O'Connor and Mary Louise Lovell were held.

The chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary in November with a luncheon at the home of Sword of Honor and Rose of Honor recipient Ann Marquis Fisher, and a performance by charter member Bonnie Geha Pearson. Dorinda Chase, Friend of the Arts Barbara Vail, Nancy Rude, and Rose of Honor recipient Ariel Witbeck also played at the event, which featured a history of the chapter and lots of fun memories.

— Ann Marquis Fisher, Editor

Evanston (IL)

One of the Evanston Alumnae Chapter's biggest projects this year was coordinating the Illinois State Day Scholarship Competition held at Northwestern University. We had several applicants for this scholarship and were able to offer five prizes generously donated by other Illinois alumnae chapters whose members served both as preliminary and

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Evanston Alumnae Chapter Treasurer Jackie Tilles (left) and Evanston Alumnae Chapter President Jennifer Luby (right) stand with members of the Beta and Sigma Delta chapters, winners of the Illinois State Day Scholarship Competition.

finals judges. Our meetings this year featured themed programming, entitled "Music and Culture Around the World." Sisters presented on the music, culture, and food of countries as diverse as Brazil, Japan, Italy, and Ghana.

— Jennifer Massey, Editor

Fort Wayne (IN)

The Fort Wayne Alumnae Chapter manned a booth, supported by an SAI MENC grant, at the Illinois Music Educators Association State Convention in January. In March, the chapter helped out with Beta Province Day, the Foundation for Art and Music in Education (FAME) festival, and the Zeta Psi student recital at the Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne. In May, we donated to Believe In A Dream, Inc., which was running a fundraiser to help out local high-school orchestras.

— Anastasia Beesley, Editor

Fort Worth (TX)

We were thrilled to initiate three new Patronesses at our April meeting. May brought us students from The B Sharp Youth Music Program from Como Elementary School, performing under the direction of Dr. Osvaldo Mendoza. After a description of the program by Mendoza, the students played strings, recorder, brass, and percussion. Each summer, we look forward to working with the PianoTexas International Academy and Festival at Texas Christian University, founded by National Arts Associate Tamas Ungar. This year it was linked to the Van Cliburn Amateur Competition. Twenty-six chapter members helped with daily snacks and drinks, worked in the Reception Room, ushered for concerts, and photographed the many events. Former province officer Jan Green has provided a Judges' Dinner during the auditions for the Concerto Competition for many years.

— Jean Frick

Hampton Roads (VA)

The Hampton Roads Alumnae Chapter affiliated two new members this spring, Katie Brown and Jessica Metcalf. In May, the chapter assisted with the installation of Mu, Gamma, the brand new SAI chapter at Hampton University. At the Founders' Day Picnic hosted by Patroness Kathy Brown, the Sword of Honor was presented to Meagan Brown, and the Rose of Honor was awarded to Grace Ablang-Hare for their continued service.

— Kimberley Jeffries, Editor



From left to right are members of the Hot Springs Alumnae Chapter Janet Ford, Lynn Payette, Friend of the Arts Jay Payette, Brittany Osman, Kay Provus, and Gay Strakshus at a Madrigal Luncheon.

Hot Springs (AR)

On December 14, 2010, the Hot Springs Alumnae Chapter presented a Madrigal Luncheon at the Hot Springs Country Club. Members and Friends of the Arts sang and performed a variety of Christmas Madrigal music to the delight of the large crowd of supporters. The Madrigal Luncheon was the creation of Lynn Payette and other members who belong to a select group of singers in the SAI Women's Chorus named "Cantate." Since Cantate began performing in 2009, the group has sung at numerous concerts and events. This festive event was organized as a fundraiser for the Hot Springs Alumnae Chapter and was such a huge success that the members have decided to continue the tradition in December 2011.

— Claire Matthews, Editor

Houston (TX)

The Houston Alumnae Chapter and University of Houston's Beta Pi chapter celebrated Founders' Day with a picnic at Memorial Park. We had great fun socializing, sharing food, and playing SAI Jeopardy.

The Houston Alumnae chapter enjoyed a tea-tasting social at the Path of Tea this August. It was a packed house, and we had a great time socializing with sisters while learning about the health benefits of organic teas.

— Morgan Fargo, Editor

Indianapolis (IN)

The Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter wrapped up the fraternity year in May with a pitch-in lunch at the home of member Cheryl Rosenfeld. At the meeting, we affiliated two new members, Anna Schaible and Ericka Perron. We also installed the new officers for next year: Carolyn Lorenzoni (VP-Programs), Karen Hromada (Editor), Heather Pechin (VP-Membership) and Kati Harrison (VP-Ritual). Officers returning for the second year of their term are President Leslie Nelson, Treasurer Laura Cones, Corresponding Secretary Cheryl Keckler, and Recording Secretary Joyce Krauser. Also at our May meeting, we presented the Rose of Honor to Cheryl Keckler and Shannon Wagner. In June, members generously donated items to be sold in our second annual garage sale fundraiser; we raised \$190. The Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter started the new fraternity year by reinstating our Mother/Daughter Program with the Zeta Chapter at Butler University. Zeta members were paired up with alumnae members who will serve as mentors and friends to the students over their years in college. In September, we held our first fundraiser of the year at a local pizza restaurant that donated a portion of one day's sales. At our October meeting, we heard some of the Zeta members who received annual SAI scholarships.

— Karen Hromada, Editor

LaGrange (IL)

The LaGrange Alumnae chapter celebrated 60 years of sisterhood by presenting programs at chapter meetings highlighting the music and events of each decade of the chapter's existence. These programs included the Chapter Anniversary Ceremony and a program about the music and events of the 1950s by Marion Talley and Rita Brown. Other programs included the 1960s by Jennifer Shaw, the 1970s by Jean Tomkinson, and a "radio program" covering the 1980s by Lana Sutton and Marion Talley. The chapter entered the 21st century with Kathy Schmidt and Kathy Hummel, who focused on the music of Pulitzer-Prize winner Jennifer Higdon. An end-of-the-year celebration at the home of Mary Ann Covone featured performances by the String Scholarship winners, the Founders' Day Ceremony, and Installation of Officers. — *Kathy Schmidt, Editor*

Lake County (IN)

The Lake County Alumnae Chapter celebrated the close of a busy year at the Spring Awards Banquet on May 16. Following dinner, the evening program included installation of the 2011-2012 chapter officers; recognition of five 50-year SAI members; and the presentation of a red rose bush to two chapter members who had lost immediate family members this year. Topping off this memorable evening was the initiation of our chapter's second National Arts Associate, Greg Jasek.

We are pleased to announce the names of the five Lake County Alumnae members who were initiated fifty or more years ago: Seventy-five year member Margery Hindmarch was initiated into Sigma Alpha at Illinois Wesleyan; 64-year member Barbara Miller was initiated into Iota Eta at Indiana State University; 62-year member Dorothy Potucek was initiated into Iota Chi at Ball State University; 52-year members Mary Lee Riley and Nancy Stivers were initiates of Beta Lambda at Valparaiso University; and Molly Swanson, who celebrates her 50th anniversary as an SAI, was initiated into Alpha Beta at the University of Arizona. Each member wears the 50-year pin and was presented a certificate and red rose to honor their celebration that evening.

The Executive Board of the chapter held three separate meetings on revision of our Chapter ByLaws to align them with the National ByLaws. — *Carol Ondra, Editor*

Las Vegas (NV)

The Las Vegas Alumnae chapter hosted the Delta A and C Province Day on March 25-26. The approximately 50 attendees had a great time. Presenters included Dr. Richard McEnaney, Coordinator, Secondary Fine Arts for Clark County School District, Delta A Province Officer Sally Christopher, Delta C Province Officer Carrie O'Connor, and Las Vegas Alumnae Chapter members Zahra Buttar, Lisa Jablonski, and Trina Dayley. We began the weekend with a dinner at a Moroccan restaurant and ended on Saturday evening with a Rogers and Hammerstein concert. Carrie presented a touching memorial service for Friend of the Arts John Johnson. The musicales featured talented vocal and instrumental performers (trumpet, piano, bagpipes, and clarinet). Lisa was presented with the Sword of Honor. — *Chris Heisler, Editor*

Madison (WI)

On June 14, the Madison Alumnae Chapter presented an organ musicale on the newly renovated Casavant pipe organ at Bethany United Methodist Church in Madison. The digitization of the organ allowed for unique sounds and greatly expanded the possibilities for registrations and set-ups in advance. The Madison Alumnae chapter kicked off the

new season in September with a formal meeting at the home of Sword of Honor recipient Shirley Sundquist, welcoming Barb Zaroni to our group with an Affiliation Ceremony. Sword and Rose of Honor recipient Marlys Mittelstadt's celebrated her 50-year anniversary as organist at St. John's Lutheran Church in Madison by performing an inspiring concert of music from the liturgical year during a service in September. Our first meeting of the season closed with a rousing chorus of SAI songs.

— *Susan Udell, President*

Miami (FL)

The Miami Alumnae/Patroness Chapter had the privilege of joining forces with the Ft. Lauderdale Alumnae/Patroness Chapter, the Sigma Chi Chapter (University of Miami), and the Lambda Omicron Chapter (Florida International University) in welcoming our newest addition to the Lambda A Province, the Lambda Chi Chapter at Florida Atlantic University. The initiation and installation of this new addition was held on May 9. For many sisters, the installation of a chapter is a once-in-a-lifetime event to witness. On March 31, we were honored to host a luncheon for National President Liz Nordling who was visiting the area.

— *Jamie Cartright, Editor*

Midland (TX)

In May and June, the Midland Alumnae Chapter provided three petting-zoo events for Head Start and Independent School District special-education classrooms, and the chapter ushered for the Midland Community Orchestra and Camerata Singers concerts. Roses of Honor were presented to our very dear and outstanding members, Alice Ralston and Wendy Hohmeyer.

In June, we presented eleven new violin cases to Kathy Peretz, orchestra and band director in the Midland Public Schools, as part of our "Cases For Kids" project. We also sent instruments to Haiti via People-to-People. D Street Entertainment, an area ensemble, collects used instruments and contacted our chapter requesting assistance evaluating and distributing them, which we have agreed to do.

The Midland Alumnae Chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary with a beautiful ten-year scrapbook compiled by Sword of Honor recipient Mary Jo Wickline. Three new Patronesses with Education — Terri Carey, Diana Price, and Sherrill Smith — were initiated into our chapter on September 24.

— *Mary Jo Wickline, Editor*

The Midland Alumnae Chapter presented Midland High School Band and Orchestra Director Kathy Peretz with 11 new violin cases in June as part of the Cases for Kids Project.



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Milwaukee (WI)

In March, chapter members cheerfully contributed generously toward our scholarship fund with the guidance of a fundraising calendar patterned after one created by the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter which appeared in the October 2010 issue of *TEMPO!*. Scholarship funds were distributed to the String Academy of Wisconsin (chapter member Darcy Drexler, executive director), Milwaukee Festival Youth Brass, and the SAI Philanthropies' Music Education Outreach Grant.

In April, as a service project, members once again hosted several Junior Girl Scout troops and assisted the girls in earning the Music Badge. Also in April, Sword of Honor and Rose of Honor recipient Elda Spitz hosted a musicale in her home that featured performances by several chapter members. Among them was Heidi Boyd, soprano, who performed the North American premiere of a "Ever Thy Mozart" by Joel K. Boyd. The Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter's "Ladies of Broadway" continue to perform at area senior independent and assisted living centers in the area.

— Jill Anderson, editor

Minneapolis/St. Paul (MN)

In June, we held a June potluck meeting and Founders' Day Program. Installation of Officers was led by Charlotte Lawson and new Chapter President Wendy Bokovoy. The Rose of Honor was awarded to President Katherine Majkrzak and Program Chairman Wendy Bokovoy, for their outstanding work in the chapter. The chapter opened the Fall Season with a potluck at the home of Sword of Honor recipient Shirley and Michael Santoro, showing our musicians' outstanding cooking talents. A short business meeting was held by President Wendy Bokovoy before adjournment.

— Madalyn Traun, editor

Oklahoma City (OK)

The annual Benefit Concert held in April featured the Advanced Guitar Ensemble from the Classen School of Advanced Studies. Over \$600 was raised to provide equipment for the Oklahoma City public school music departments. Four service projects supported by last year's benefits featured a donation for new uniforms for a string instrument group, purchase of a keyboard, money contributed to a teacher to take Orff training this summer, and instruments bought for another elementary school. Kudos to Chapter President Martha Pendleton, who was presented the Rose of Dedication on May 5. She is finishing her eighth year and has been installed for the coming year.

— JonEvah Murray, Editor



Oklahoma City Chapter Ritual Vice President, Eileen Smith, (left) presented Chapter President Martha Pendleton with the Rose of Dedication in May.

Philadelphia (PA)

The Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter had a covered-dish luncheon in March which included the affiliation of Alissa Coapman, Megan Edinger, Emily Erwin, Sarah Klein, and Tara Schwitzman. Guest speaker Cathie Galie talked about the future of music with technology in our schools.

There were three events in April: a public concert to benefit SAI Philanthropies; Girl Scout Music Fun Day to help area Girl Scouts earn music badges; and a road trip to Lebanon Valley College to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Delta Alpha Chapter. The May meeting included the initiation of patroness member Kathleen Barrett; a presentation of the Rose of Honor to Margaret Wypich; and presentations of Rose of Constancy to McAlpin and Smith.

In August, a group of Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter members worked at a day camp to assist Girl Scouts with a music activity that helped the girls think about how music makes them feel. Recent affiliate Tara Schwitzman was honored to receive both an SAI Summer Music Scholarship and an SAI Professional Development Grant, which helped to fund her summer trip to Ghana where she researched African music. Because the season-opening meeting in September was held at the home of Chapter Editor, Sword of Honor and Rose of Honor recipient Linda McAlpin, all the scrapbooks were on display to peruse and reminisce. The chapter was chartered in 1950, and, from 2003 to 2010, members participated in making all the scrapbooks archivally safe under the guidance of chapter member and Sword of Honor recipient Kristy Deischer-Eddy.

— Linda McAlpin, Editor

Pontchartrain (MI)

The Pontchartrain and Detroit Alumnae Chapters presented a Joint Recital on March 20, playing a varied program ranging from Handel to John Cage. A highlight of the concert was an appearance by SAI Honorary Member Marina Arsenijevic. She played Chopin's "G minor Ballade" and one of her own compositions. She also spoke about her experiences filming the PBS-TV Special *Marina At West Point*, which was broadcast nationwide. We welcomed new member Victoria Mast at our April meeting. Our chapter ended the year with a fabulous picnic at the home of President Shelly Rouse-Freitag. Marlene Palicz received her fifty-year membership certificate.

— Patricia Loeffler, Publicity Chair

Reno (NV)

Roses, gum, pencils, rubber bands, pens, and candy were all included in the "goody bags" given to Eta Omicron members. The Reno Alumnae Chapter members wanted to help them get through finals week in May. Our installation of officers was held in May with Peggy Hall serving as our new president. The chapter gave a full scholarship to a female camper for the Lake Tahoe Music Camp held in August.

Fundraising has been fun for members playing the calendar game in September. The game helps us reach our goal of helping others in the community musically. At each of our meetings, we also hold a raffle for a mystery gift provided by one of our members. We were pleased to have Delta B Province Officer Tessique Houston at this meeting. Her visit is always informative. SAI Philanthropies, Inc. awarded a Music Education Outreach Grant to member Judy Lindquist to purchase three saxophones for the middle school band where Judy is the director. On October 1, members attended the "Noodles and Notes" fundraiser for Note-Ables programs, providing music instruction and experiences for those with disabilities.

— Beverly S. Kirkpatrick, Editor

Rochester (NY)

May 9 was a magical evening in Rochester. At long last, Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Quackenbush, one of Rochester's outstanding female musicians, was initiated as a National Arts Associate. The ceremony was held in the home of Carol Dethlefs Menchel, chapter treasurer and longtime Hochstein School of Music board member. Peggy brought her professional woodwind quintet, the Antara Winds, and they performed with joy, professionalism, and charm.

The new fiscal year for the Rochester Alumnae Chapter started off on a high note with the affiliation of four new members. One of the four found us on her own; the other three were results of the recruitment effort we launched two years ago. During that time, Chapter President Pat Stott and Vice President, Membership Marilyn Terpening spent countless hours searching through lost SAI members in our zip code range.

One of our new members is Kassie Lewis, a native Rochesterian who received her Bachelor Degree in Vocal Performance from the Bass School of Music at Oklahoma City University. While there, she held offices in Alpha Zeta, received the Sword of Honor, and helped to start a scholarship program for underprivileged children in school music programs. Another new member, Alpha Lambda initiate and Sword of Honor recipient Holly Barry started playing piano in second grade and was an organist for her church in Tawas City, MI, during high school. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1981 with a degree in vocal performance and a minor in piano performance. She's been an organist in a Rochester area church since 1982 and started her piano studio the same year.

— Carol Dethlefs Menchel, Editor

Rockford (IL)

The closing activities of Rockford Alumnae Chapter are always festive. May is Honors Month. The High School Awards are presented at the honor assembly in each school. These awards are bestowed to the most valued student in each music department, and the recipients are selected by the head teacher in that department.

Rockford Alumnae Chapter started the year with a most enjoyable and informative program on Music Therapy given by chapter member Carrie-Martin Gatz. Our 2011-2012 Projects include assistance at the Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center Competition and Reception; musicales in local nursing homes; and performing on the Svea Soner Concert conducted by Corresponding Secretary Sherry Dreyfuss.

— Fern Armstrong, Editor



Rockford Alumnae Chapter members (from left) Cheryl Hochstetler received the Sword of Honor; Barbara Simon received the Rose of Honor; and Fern Armstrong received the Wreath of Achievement.

San Francisco Peninsula (CA)

As a long-established alumnae chapter with many 50-year members, we are thrilled to have several new, young members recently graduated from collegiate chapters who relocated to the San Francisco Bay area decide to continue their SAI experiences with us! These young women have come from a variety of collegiate chapter experiences and have quickly become wonderful sister-friends contributing in many ways: Sarah Grabowski Lodick (Iota Zeta) has served as Secretary and Editor; Becky Calahan (Beta) has succeeded Grabowski as Newsletter Editor; Kissa Mercado (Gamma Eta) became Secretary; and Maura Lafferty (Gamma Epsilon) serves as committee member. Recent graduates Lindsay Moxley Gillis (Iota Pi) and Trillian Altaira (Lambda Chi) recently affiliated.

— Marjorie Cassingham, editor

Seattle (WA)

The Seattle Alumnae Chapter affiliated Kate Abel and Monica Hernandez on April 20. Kate was initiated into the Beta Delta Chapter at The University of Puget Sound in 2003 with a major in Molecular and Cellular Biology. Kate served as the Vice President-Ritual for two years. Monica was initiated into the Theta Chi Chapter at The University of South Carolina in 2003 with a major in Music Education. She served as Corresponding Secretary for two years and was awarded the Sword of Honor. The chapter presented over 30 Girl Scouts with their Music Badges on April 30. The girls spent more than four hours participating in music and movement, round singing, action songs, and music from around the world.

— Monica N Hernandez, Editor

St. Louis (MO)

In May, more than 20 members of the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter met for its annual luncheon, including newly recognized Friend of the Arts, Stella Markou. On June 19, we held a fundraiser to benefit our annual scholarship competition for college musicians, which was a resounding success.

National Arts Associate John McDaniel spoke informally and shared insights about his musical career, including recent appearances conducting Donizetti's *The Daughter of the Regiment* at Opera Theatre of Saint Louis and *Catch Me If You Can*, a recent Tony nominee for Best Musical. After performing one song he composed for *It's a Wonderful Life*, which he hopes will be on Broadway during the holidays, he held an auction for an autographed manuscript.

— Stephanie Gummersheimer

Tacoma (WA)

The following 50-year members were recognized and honored at the June meeting of the chapter: Jan Stacey, Karen Wiley, Juanita Griesemer, Evangeline Rimbach, Lorna McCormick, and Susan Docken. The musical portion of the meeting featured young Spanish violinist Ana Campo. Ana, who is 16, was an exchange student in Tacoma this past year from Madrid and lived with the family of patroness member Marlene Nease. The Tacoma chapter awarded Ana a scholarship to aid with her orchestra expenses. While living in Tacoma, she played with the Tacoma Youth Orchestra and shared first-violin chair.

"I'll always be thankful to SAI for making my stay with my host family in the U.S.A. possible," Ana said.

We were honored to initiate Michael Reiter as a Friend of the Arts at our September meeting. In addition to being a gifted pianist and organist,

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he is an expert at rebuilding and restoration of pianos including their history and design.

The chapter is delighted with our growth of new affiliates Beta Delta initiate Caitlin Mitchell, Epsilon Epsilon initiate Caroline Stitt Pfautz, and Epsilon Zeta initiate Silvia Greuter.

— *Dr. Evangeline Rimbach, Editor*

Tulsa (OK)

When news reports in Tulsa warned that the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma was running dangerously low, the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter determined to help. At the chapter's annual Membership Brunch held on August 27, members were encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Food Bank. The resulting donations, accumulated in large wicker baskets, totaled fifty items: thirty-five cans, three jars, and twelve packaged items. Our SAI "Whistle Song" has the words, "I hear that call;" our chapter members heard the call from needy neighbors lacking enough to eat and answered that call with the donated food items. — *Sue Amstutz*

Volusia Co. (FL)

How often do two SAIs, who have known each other since their freshman year in college, receive their 50-year pins together? These SAIs — Janet Nieburg and Amy Crane — were roommates and best friends in a college dormitory reserved for SAIs and have remained in close touch ever since. Pins and certificates were presented at the final meeting of the 2010-2011 year.

Jan, who holds the Ring of Excellence, needs little introduction to members of SAI. She has served the fraternity for many years in



The Region 1 Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award for 2010-2011 was presented by the Regional Officer Edie Marshall at the San Francisco Alumnae Chapter's October meeting.

various capacities at the national level, including National Vice-President, College Chapters and Chairman, National Publications, and has been a frequent speaker and workshop leader at fraternity gatherings. Now retired and spending most of her time on an island off Florida's west coast, she keeps busy with the Fort Myers Symphonic Master Singers, Opera Naples, a dulcimer club, the Daughters of the American Revolution (as chapter regent), and church music leadership.

Amy, a "wizard" piano accompanist, has most recently been on the faculties of Daytona State College and Stetson University's School of Music. In 2000, she was one of the Volusia County Chapter charter members, and she has continuously held office and produced the chapter's annual directory. At the presentation ceremony, Jan and Amy performed the same pieces they had performed during their

initiation musicale for Epsilon Chapter of Ithaca College in April 1961. — *Patty Fort, Editor*

Washington DC

This spring, the Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter initiated a new National Arts Associate, An-Ming Wang. Ms. Wang's works include keyboard, vocal, instrumental, chamber ensemble, choral, operatic, and orchestral compositions. Her compositions have been performed at the White House, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the National Gallery of Art, and the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC. Karen Hastings, a dance professor at The Catholic University of America, was also initiated as a patroness member. The chapter was pleased to announce Ashley Re of Gamma Epsilon as the recipient of the Mildred Henninger Undergraduate Scholarship.

— *Janet S McKinney, Editor*

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