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PROVINCE DAYS

TAU E

On Saturday, March 20th, 2021, Theta Chi (located at the University of South Carolina) hosted Tau E's first-ever virtual Province Day. The event, conducted via Zoom, featured Region 6 Officer Mary Thomas and Executive Director Ruth Sieber Johnson as guest lecturers. Ms. Thomas spoke regarding the diverse projects of Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies Inc. and Ms. Sieber Johnson shared a rousing speech on the values of sisterhood, purpose, and encouragement. Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic chapters had the opportunity to mix and mingle through various ice breaker games that allowed them to share sister stories, favorite SAI memories, and what SAI means to them. Additionally, graduating seniors were honored through a senior showcase slideshow and a brief musicale was shown, which included a virtual choir performance of the "Chorale" by Theta Chi.

— *Jerryana R. Williams-Bibiloni, Theta Chi member*



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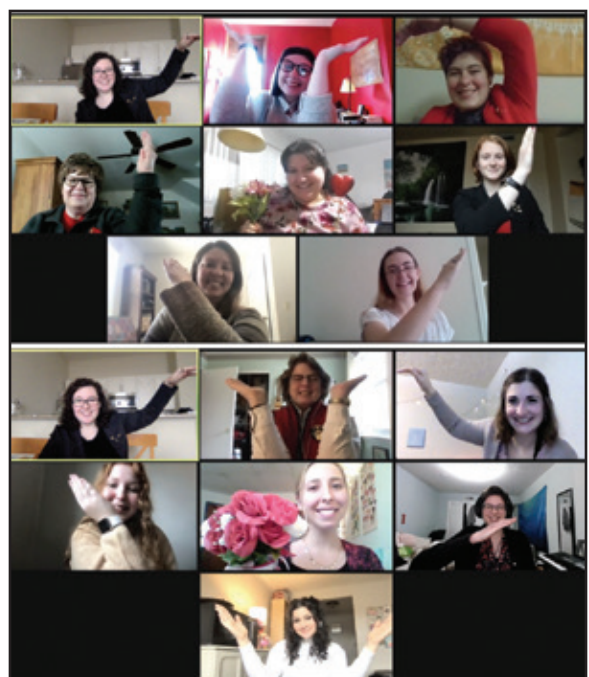
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Chi B breakout room groups made hearts.

CHI B

The Chi B chapters celebrated our virtual Province Day on February 27, 2021, hosted by Alpha Mu Chapter at Carnegie Mellon. We were honored to have National Vice President, Alumnae Chapters, Mary Frances Bushong as our Keynote Speaker! Sisters from across the province participated in fun icebreakers and engaging workshops led by CMU professors also affiliated with SAI. Our Music Chairman, Ruiran Xun, organized a wonderful presentation of Musicale with submissions from collegiate and alumnae sisters. Alpha Mu also celebrated our 90th Anniversary with a beautiful ritual led by our vice president, ritual, Madi Ogburn. While we are sad that we could not host our sisters in person, we are grateful that we had the opportunity to celebrate Chi B Province Day safely. All registration fees for the event, totaling \$170, will be donated to SAI Philanthropies on behalf of Chi B Province.

— *Sarah Penfield, province day chairman, sergeant-at-arms, Alpha Mu Chapter*

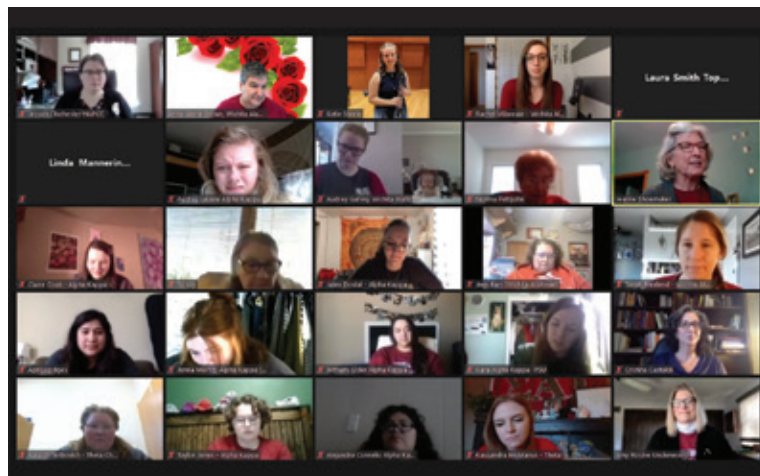
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THETA A & B

The Wichita Alumnae Chapter and Beta Beta Chapter co-hosted the Theta A and Theta B Province Day on March 6. With 62 registrants on Zoom, the day began with a meet-and-greet in break out rooms. Beta Beta provided the Opening Ceremony, and the Wichita Alumnae Chapter provided Fraternity Education, via Kahoots. Everyone enjoyed the 17 questions, and, to no one's surprise, National Vice President, Collegiate Chapters, Jessica Chichester placed first.

We enjoyed hearing from four wonderful speakers. Our first speaker, Dr. Cristina Castaldi, voice professor from Wichita State University, addressed career goals, how to expect changes, and Somatic. Our second speaker, Theta B Province Officer Jeanne Shoemaker, who is celebrating her fiftieth year as an SAI, presented us with wonderful ideas on how to accomplish the national objectives. Following lunch, Jessica Chichester discussed 10 ways to accomplish goals. It was inspiring. Our final speaker was Laura Smith, from the Topeka Alumnae Chapter, and she spoke about why it is important to join an alumnae chapter and about the friendships you make. All speakers were very passionate, shared personal stories, and we could see that their words came from their love of Sigma Alpha Iota.

We enjoyed five musicales throughout the day — four from the collegiate members and one from an alumnae chapter. Before closing our



Province Day, we shared slides of the collegiate seniors as provided by their little sisters. The Wichita Alumnae Chapter provided the closing ceremony. Many thanks go to the committee members from Beta Beta Chapter and the Wichita Alumnae Chapter for making it a special day.

— Anne Marie Brown, president, Wichita Alumnae Chapter

LAMBDA

Chapters from across Lambda A, B, C, and D came together for virtual Lambda Days on February 19 and 20. Sisters across the provinces met for an informal meet-and-greet on the Monday before the event. During the meet-and-greet, the Delta Gamma Chapter led an interactive icebreaker with those in attendance. On Friday night, the event officially started and focused on coping with stress and nurturing sisterhood during a pandemic hosted by the Beta Alpha Chapter. The Delta Chi Chapter then led a session during the dinner hour on creative ways to share music virtually. Following dinner, the Miami Alumnae Chapter led an engaging icebreaker focusing on women supporting women. The main event of the evening was a lively panel on Fraternity Leadership Development led by Regional Officer Mary Thomas, including a wide variety of leaders within our fraternity. The evening finished with a virtual game of Clue led by the Fort Lauderdale Alumnae Chapter.

Saturday began with the Opening Ceremony led by the Tampa Alumnae Chapter and continued with our inspiring keynote speaker Executive Director Ruth Sieber Johnson reflecting on the tapestry of SAI. After the keynote, we watched the beautiful Pat Stenberg Pandemic Fundraising Memorial Musicale pre-recorded by the Sarasota/Manatee Alumnae Chapter. Participants then chose between 3 breakout sessions: SAI's Hidden Jewel – The Chapter Procedures Manual led by Mary



Chapter members of Lambda provinces attended a virtual presentation by Executive Director Ruth Sieber Johnson, top left.

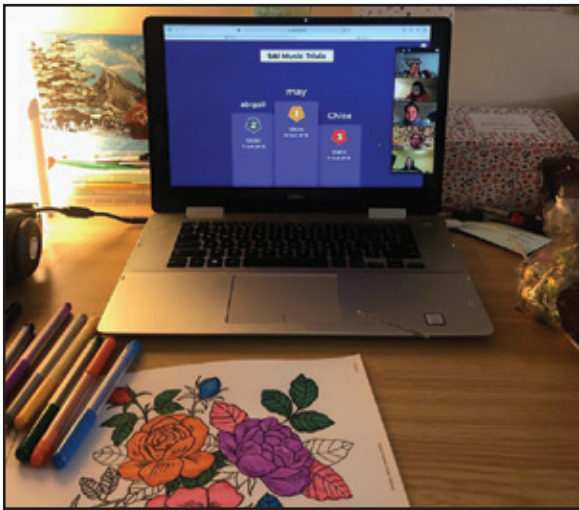
Thomas; Diversity in Music – for the K-12 Music Classrooms led by Francesca Veglia and Jammie Phillips; and Fraternity Activities for Alumnae Chapters led by Mary Frances Bushong. After the breakout sessions, participants watched videos on the platform Flipgrid where sisters from across the provinces uploaded videos explaining “Why I’m SAI” and their own musicale performances. The day finished with an interactive sisterhood activity led by Beta Sigma before the Closing Ceremony led by Sigma Chi.

— Stephanie Espie, Lambda B PO

THETA – WASHBURN UNIVERSITY, TOPEKA, K

Theta has been Zooming through much of the semester so far! We have been utilizing Zoom's platform to conduct our meetings, as well as host our annual Girl Scout Event, appropriately titled "Music in the time of Covid-19." The event had a turnout of about 25 girls from the Kansas-Missouri area, and they learned about music and conducting and even engaged in a virtual instrument petting zoo! Our chapter was able to virtually attend the Theta A & Theta B Province Day; even though we were not able to be with our sisters in person, we still had a fun time. Currently, we have three MITs pledged to our chapter, as well as two graduating seniors: Anna Mann and Toni Rainey. Overall, Theta Chapter has been persevering and adapting well to the ever-changing world and we plan to continue doing so

— *Michelle Lavin, editor*



For one of Rho's recruitment nights, members played Kahoot and colored a picture.

RHO - UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

This pandemic has been crazy, but we're thankful to have each other for support. This semester, we had a successful recruitment week and hope to initiate more members this spring. We are grateful to have as many new potential members as we do since everything feels daunting in this virtual format. All of our newer members who were initiated this past year took leads in planning and preparing different events for recruitment week.

As for service projects, we are looking into sending some performance videos to the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Sound Health program. They provide patients in the UW area with access to classical music performed by students.

Rho's 100-year birthday celebration is quickly approaching, and hopefully, this pandemic will end before next year. We are still working out the details for whether it will be virtual or in person, but we look forward to celebrating it with Rho alumnae members!

— *May Kohler, editor*

BETA SIGMA – UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA, FL

Beta Sigma has successfully elected our new executive board for the coming year and will complete the process of installation within the next month. We are so excited to see what they have in store for us as so many have already shared some of their promising ideas! Our members have been doing a great job with their FREDs under a new method of interaction our president has implemented, and we as a chapter have actually been learning things about SAI as a whole. We have also taken advantage of the video format of our formal chapter musicales and have

been uploading them to our Beta Sigma YouTube account so that anyone can see the wonderful talents of our members. Last but not least, our MITs have been working so hard not only to study for their test, but in their efforts to raise money as well as initiation approaches. We know they are going to be a strong class, and we can't wait for them to join our sisterhood.

— *Tori Weaver, editor*

GAMMA ZETA – OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY, NORFOLK, VA

One thing the Gamma Zeta Chapter will remember about 2020 is how we were able to donate \$844 to Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc., surpassing our initial goal of \$150. As a chapter, we participated in a Double Good popcorn fundraiser for one week, selling popcorn online, and the orders were shipped directly to our buyers. We are very thankful to everyone that supported us and made this donation to our wonderful sisterhood possible.

— *Brianna Yevak, editor*

ETA MU – UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD, CT

Eta Mu and, more specifically, our Benefit Committee, led by the wonderful Paige Stawasz who has personally felt connected to it since she was an MIT in 2018, has been working tirelessly to plan our upcoming Benefit for Life Concert in support of RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network). This year, Eta Mu has had to reconsider nearly every aspect of this event to accommodate a virtual format. Much consideration went into things like figuring out what streaming platform would optimize the concert experience to best present all our live and pre-recorded musical performances and speeches. Another aspect of this event that we had to reimagine has been fundraising. Since our traditional fundraising methods, such as holding bake sales and an in-person silent auction, were no longer feasible due to the new restrictions, new fundraising efforts were implemented to still support this worthy cause. Some of these fundraisers have included the sharing of a virtual donation punch card, and a personalized music playlist fundraiser — a project that our chapter is currently planning

RAINN is a fantastic organization that helps raise awareness, share educational resources, and help victims of sexual assault. Eta Mu's Benefit for Life Concert in support of RAINN was held on Saturday, April 10, via Zoom.

— *Julianna Curran, editor*

ETA XI – CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, MOUNT PLEASANT, MI

Despite the staggering array of barriers put in place against projects and events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it didn't have a chance at stopping the Eta Xi Community Service Committee from connecting with the folks in Mount Pleasant. Led by committee chairman and Fall 2019 initiate, Taylor Gritmaker, the committee developed and completed several creative projects that brought joy to a multitude of community members. So far, the committee led a successful pen pal program with a nursing home in the area, ran a donation drive for a local animal shelter, and helped the chapter write CMU faculty thank-you letters. All these projects are not only bringing joy to those involved, but they keep sisters and community members safe during the pandemic as well.

“The passion that I see in this committee and chapter to help whenever we can is an inspiration,” Taylor states. “I love serving my community alongside my sisters.”

It’s easy to see that the resilience of this committee has made a lasting impact on the community.

— Jordan Healey

THETA TAU – SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CARBONDALE, IL

Theta Tau initiated our MIT class of Spring 2020 in the Fall: Isabel Camacho, Veronica Laurent, Kolaiah Nelson, Hailey Runyon, and Melissa Stanevich. We had a few sisters attend the Province Day in the Fall. We received an Impact Project grant from Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies; we are building off a past instrument drive and using the grant money to repair donated instruments and donate them to area music programs in need. The following sisters graduated in Spring 2020: Olivia Donnel, Katie Helme, and Cassidy Baltierra. The following sisters will be graduating Spring 2021: Emma Lasley and Alexis Trubitt. Our chapter is growing this semester as well; we recruited an MIT, Max Barhaug, and we have a sister, Anne Woods, who transferred from Butler University affiliating with our chapter.

— Veronica Laurent, editor



Iota Lambda sisters welcomed eight new Members-In-Training.

IOTA LAMBDA – UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA, M

The Iota Lambda Chapter is celebrating its 80th anniversary at the University of Missouri! This spring has been filled with creative ways to keep our chapter involved at Mizzou while adhering to pandemic guidelines. We are so excited to have virtually welcomed *eight* new Members-In-Training this spring! More recently, we awarded two recent graduates and one graduating sister with Sword of Honor accolades: Anna Huyhn; Rachel Martin; and Emma Graul. Congratulations to all!

In February, as part of a School of Music weekly convocation, Iota Lambda sponsored and led a moving Women in Music webinar with several faculty members offering conversation on what the topic means to us. In another convocation, the Brother/Sister Committee (paired with brothers of Phi Mu Alpha) sponsored a musical trivia Kahoot session with over 60 participants throughout the School of Music!

The chapter is currently working to contribute funds from last year’s “Mizzou Music” t-shirt sales towards a student-use printer within our school. We also hope to open a student pantry with rotating sponsorships throughout our School of Music organizations to provide students with supplies like snacks, hygienic products, and school supplies. Here’s to another 80 years of SAI at Mizzou!

— Piper Stow, editor

IOTA OMEGA – TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY, DENTON, TX

With limited classes and fewer people on campus, it was harder to gain momentum for a big pledge class for the Iota Omega Chapter. This spring semester brings exciting news with a possible growth of six new MITs along with one new member from Fall 2020. With many new faces, comes the opportunity to grow in friendship and musical companionship which has the potential to last years. One of the new Members-In-Training shared her story of waiting 15 years to join, as she didn’t have the chance at her first college as an undergrad. For other pledge members, this is their first year at a university, and they are happy to have the chance to join a meaningful organization, even in a limited capacity. We hope to continue to grow as a chapter and bring more people into an enriching, musical sisterhood that they can be a part of for a lifetime.

— Lilliana Campos, editor

LAMBDA OMICRON – FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL

Though life on campus hasn’t returned to normal, Lambda Omicron has embraced post-Covid life! We’ve held a series of successful virtual events during the last two semesters, ranging from masterclasses to recruitment weeks and most recently, our first virtual Pledging Ceremony!

During the fall semester, we held two masterclasses via Zoom — one led by our sisters Britney Glass and Noelia Luna focused on building performance confidence, and the other led by one of our charter sisters, Shalini Sarena. Our last two recruitment weeks have attracted the attention of several women on campus, and our recent *Wizard of Oz*-themed recruitment week successfully garnered one new Member-in-Training, Tracy Jacquet! We’re excited for her upcoming projects and initiation, and most importantly to seeing her grow in the chapter! The future is looking bright for Lambda Omicron!

— Janine Suarez, editor

LAMBDA PHI – UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

This year Lambda Phi is commemorating our chapter’s 10-year anniversary! Through our social media, we have been sharing photos of memorable past events and spotlighting our alumnae, charter members, and advisors. We are planning to involve our alumnae in the celebration through video calls and our special edition newsletter. We are also excited to welcome four Members-In-Training this semester! We connected with these women through our “Self-Care and Sisterhood” themed recruitment events. We will also be having a virtual benefit concert later this semester to honor our membership advisor, Nadine Shank, who passed away last October.

Despite not being in person this school year, our chapter continued to foster sisterhood through events such as our virtual paint night. We have also found ways to give back to the community while following safety protocols. We sent Valentine’s Day E-Cards to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and donated feminine products to the Amherst Survival Center. Later this month, sisters in the area will be partaking in a socially distant Earth Day Clean-up. We hope to continue to find ways to make the best of our virtual school year!

— Jacque Moon Yee, editor

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BALTIMORE (MD) — On Feb. 5, the chapter hosted a highly successful virtual music-themed game night with individual and team activities, trivia, and Name That Tune. This event included an information session for potential Patroness members. On Feb. 25, chapter sisters and other supporters presented an informative and inspirational virtual Black History Month celebration of the Negro Spiritual. The event was organized and hosted by vice president, membership, Chrissy M. Thornton. Musical selections included *His Name So Sweet* (arr. Hall Johnson) performed by Dr. Sequina Dubose, Assistant Professor of Classical and Contemporary Voice and SAI Faculty Advisor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* (arr. Moses Hogan) performed by Raquel Jennings Burnette of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter. There were also several excerpts of performances by the Carter Legacy Singers, a choir honoring the musical contributions of teacher, arranger, composer, and conductor Dr. Nathan M. Carter of Morgan State University. Many of the sisters of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter are active members of the Carter Legacy Singers. The celebration was a resounding success and has reached over 2,000 viewers. This presentation can be viewed on our Facebook page.

— *Katie Ford, editor*

COLUMBIA (MO) — Our chapter enjoyed a wonderful year of recruitment and growth. Since November 2019, we have affiliated four new members. As a small chapter in a college town, our membership includes both transient young adults and lifelong members. As you read this, three of our members prepare to leave Columbia to pursue their careers.

We keep our chapter going because we understand our membership and welcome all, no matter how long they can be with us. We build and maintain relationships by staying in touch with nearby collegiate and alumnae chapters. We attend Province Days, Initiations, and shared social events. We also come up with yearly programs to connect, such as establishing pen pal programs, mailing tea and newsletters to area SAIs, hosting picnics with collegiate chapters, and sending care packages to area collegiate members. We also actively recruit by connecting with area SAIs we know and reaching out to those we don't through social media. Through a social media affiliation campaign, we were able to connect to a STEM-field alumna.

In the spirit of growth and connection, we invite you to reach out to us via social media! Find us on IG and FB at [@saicomolumnae](https://www.instagram.com/saicomolumnae).

— *Emily Franke, editor*

EVANSTON (IL) — We have been meeting virtually and enjoying this year's theme, Diversity of Women in Music. This was beautifully illustrated through two stellar fall programs by member Wendy Wieggers which highlighted the works and achievements of composers Florence Price and Margaret Bonds and Honorary Members Marian Anderson and Leontyne Price. In October, we were pleased to welcome Sarah Rabin as a new affiliate of the chapter, and Wendy Wieggers was honored with a fifty-year member ceremony. The annual December holiday party was a virtual "It's Snowing Sisterhood" celebration. In lieu of contributing fees toward holiday party food, members were invited to donate to a nonprofit of their choice. Many sisters elected to earmark their donation to the People's Music School in Chicago, founded by Rita Simó, who died in September of 2020. A dear friend of the chapter, Rita gave programs and attended several chapter events over the years. The Evanston Alumnae



Members of the Evanston Alumnae Chapter met virtually.

chapter received an SAI Annelle Chandler McAdams Alumnae Service Award for organizing the library at the People's School of Music in 1997 as a volunteer project.

— *Roxann Ferguson, editor*

FORT LAUDERDALE (FL) — We pivoted all our annual in-person events and meetings to virtual adaptations for our members to still be able to enjoy our sisterhood and events. For this year's annual tea party, we decided to stream a TEDx Talk on YouTube titled "Sound Meditation -A Holistic Model to Sound Therapy" given by Alexandre Tannous that described how sound can have the ability to help us disconnect from habitual patterns while listening to traditional instruments. This was followed by a small discussion after the video and led us into the second part of our program- a guided tea ceremony with background music that allowed each participant to relax and meditate while sipping on their preferred tea. The tea party concluded with our chapter's virtual silent auction that was open online for 24 hours. Our online auction was emailed to all alumnae in South Florida and brought in over \$200. We look forward to continuing our online programs and engaging with our members on virtual platforms for the remainder of the year.

— *Jacqueline Ramirez, editor*

FORT WAYNE (IN) — We are deep in planning for our 50th year celebration, which will take place from April 2022 to April 2023. We are excited to be working with composer Diane Whitacre to commission a vocal composition for the Ft. Wayne Children's Choir and Debra Lynn to commission an instrumental composition for the Ft. Wayne Youth Orchestra. Each composer will include the students in the composition process, which will also give them exposure to meeting and working with a living composer. We have long supported both youth organizations through scholarships and are thrilled to now provide them with this experience and gift of music.

— *Jackie Hinsey, editor*

HOT SPRINGS (AR) — We had to adapt to hosting meetings via Zoom when the weather became too chilly to safely meet outdoors. One of the ways we stayed connected with the community involved setting up a display case at the Garland County Library in November. The case consisted of musical and SAI themes, pictures and bulletins of events, an "In Loving Memory" page of sisters who had passed away earlier that year, and the iconic red rose.



The Hot Springs Alumnae Chapter created an SAI-themed display in a local library.

Another way we stayed connected was by hosting a virtual Christmas “concert.” We would normally host a themed luncheon, and the sisters would be dressed in costumes based on that time period and perform music to our guests as they enjoyed their meal. This year, we sent out Holiday Cards and invited our fans to visit our YouTube Channel for a collection of Holiday music performed by the sisters. We are currently in the process of expanding our YouTube channel with educational videos about SAI as well. You can check out our latest videos by searching “Sigma Alpha Iota Hot Springs Alumnae Chapter.” — *Kathryn Gallistel, editor*

KANSAS CITY (MO) — We have continued to meet in Zoom and have enjoyed adding some social time before and after each chapter meeting. We open the room in Zoom 15 minutes before each chapter meeting and keep it open 15 minutes after each meeting ends. This provides us with time to share the news of the events in our lives. To improve the live stream quality of the sound and video of our monthly musicales, our members have begun pre-recording their performances rather than performing live in Zoom. For our musicale in February, we enjoyed a concert by the Heartland Ringers, a community handbell choir founded and directed by chapter member Marilyn Lake. In March, our musicale was provided by sopranos Elaine Minden and Yvonne Walker, accompanied by pianist Pam Pendergast. In addition to their solo selections, we enjoyed their duet of “Laudamus Te” from *Gloria* by

Antonio Vivaldi. We awarded our annual Alumnae Project Grant to the Puerto Rico Collaborative Piano Institute, which was founded by our chapter members Dr. Jessica Koebbe and Flor Cruz.

— *Vicki Hedger, co-Editor*

LAS VEGAS (NV) — We awarded our annual scholarship to Lauren Rodriguez (French horn) in November. The competition was held virtually. Our annual fundraisers -- Pampered Chef and Honey Baked Ham gift cards -- were successful, allowing us to continue the scholarship for next year.

We hosted a virtual Delta A/C Province Day on March 20. Our schedule included several musicale performances by members and a concert performance by National Arts Associate James Adler. Philanthropies Chapter Outreach Grants Director Lauren Erickson spoke, as well as Laura Williams and Kendall Allen. The topics included “Resiliency in Distance Learning,” “History of the SAI Songbook,” and “Recruitment.” We enjoyed our sisters from California and Nevada.

Next month we will be giving out our chapter awards and installing officers.

— *Chris Heisler, editor*

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MEMPHIS (TN) — 2020 was the year of broken hearts for our chapter. Two dear sisters, Marcie Richardson, former NVP-Extension, and Ann Kendall Ray, passed away. We decided to memorialize our sisters with a performance hall seat nameplate in the soon-to-be completed University of Memphis Scheidt Family Music Center. We are pleased to announce that in just a few months, we received enough donations to request a performance hall seat nameplate.

In addition to the alumnae chapter gift, the Delta Beta Chapter was instrumental in helping us meet this goal with a very generous chapter donation. Through their bake sale fundraiser, they were also able to extend the opportunity to School of Music colleagues and students to memorialize Marcie. Individual SAI alumnae, former Delta Beta members, and individuals of the music community who knew both Marcie and Ann additionally met the challenge. Funds received above the naming fee will be added to our annual gift to SAI Philanthropies, Inc.

We look forward to the day we can gather for a concert in the new music center and see the nameplate that honors our SAI sisters and friends.

— *Maria DeBacco, editor*



The Madison Alumnae Chapter gathered for a presentation on women instrumentalists and music written for women and suffrage.

MADISON (WI) — In October we hosted a virtual presentation by National Arts Associate Patricia Backhaus. She made a special study of women instrumentalists and put together several performances by local women wind players of music written by women and for suffrage. Her presentation was done for the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter and the Madison Alumnae Chapter.

In December members were invited to submit links to favorite Christmas musical pieces or personal recordings. We listened to selections from Leontyne Price singing “O Holy Night” to a recently composed Christmas hymn, accompanied by chapter member Penny Jacobsen and sung by her husband. We enjoyed the variety of music shared.

In recognition of World Opera Day and Black History Month, the February talk was led by members Peggy Walters and Martha Stoner about black opera singers from the late 1800s to today. They showed pictures of these under-recognized artists as well as played recordings of many of their performances. Not only did members learn about those singers but about opera and performers who might have been unfamiliar to keyboardists and other instrumentalists.

— *Carol Fosshage, editor*

PHILADELPHIA (PA)— We have continued an emphasis on our theme “Black Sisterhood Matters.” This year’s winner of our chapter’s Eloise McKnight Scholarship is Kayla Horton of the Mu Sigma Chapter at Lincoln University. Congratulations! On Groundhog Day, we held our first fundraiser, a Zoom Games Night with a session of “Two Truths and a Lie.” Ten sisters attended for a delightful evening. Then, on the Ides of

March, our second Games Night brought seven sisters together to play SAI Bingo and Kahoot.

In February, two new sisters, Kelsey Mills and Kylie Sexton, affiliated. Sisters Rheta Smith and Janet Yamron also discussed the importance of mentoring musicians of color. Our Collegiate Liaison Team hosted our first Zoom meet-and-greet with the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter. Several alumnae shared their SAI journey while we learned about the hopes and concerns of our collegiate sisters. We will be holding these events with other college chapters in Chi A Province soon. Our March meeting featured music by Adolphus Hailstork performed by Martha Frampton and Rheta Smith, and Jacqueline Garden-Marshall was initiated as a Patroness Member. She has been a music teacher and an active member in the Philadelphia area music community for many years.

We sadly report the passing of a long-time member, Phyllis Boddiger Linn, who was a 1948 Alpha Tau Chapter initiate. We also report the passing of Friend of the Arts Carol Freed and Patroness Jo Cauffman. These members of our chapter family will be missed. A memorial service will be held for these sisters when we are together in person.

— *Ruth Sheets, editor*

PHOENIX (AZ) — Through Zoom gatherings, sisters continue to stay in touch with one another. We welcomed seven new affiliated sisters! This year, Lauren Erickson took on the GotSneakers Fundraiser for our chapter. We are collecting old, gently used gym shoes that will either be recycled or shipped to highest need locations. Our goal is to collect 200 pairs of sneakers, earning around \$150-175 for our chapter.

Many of us have continued to stay active in our musical engagements outside of SAI despite the pandemic. From hosting driveway concerts to recording videos for virtual performances, our sisters are exploring new ways of making music with others. Dorothy Lincoln-Smith won an Arizona Governor’s Individual Art Award, honoring her years of support for Arizona’s arts and cultural community. During our February meeting, we had a musicale featuring works by black composers in honor of Black History Month. We moved the Silver Tea Benefit Concert to April with the hope of possibly meeting in person safely. Although this year has thrown us all many curveballs, we are grateful to have each other and music for support and comfort!

— *Kara Lee, editor*

RALEIGH/DURHAM (NC) — After having to postpone her wedding multiple times due to COVID-19, our president, Angela Bullard, got married in late summer. We wish her a lifetime of love and happiness! We’re also celebrating the recent engagements of Johanna Wolf, Rachel Cole, and our PO Gizelle Harris. We continued to meet virtually and have found creative ways to stay engaged with our local music community. We raised funds for the non-profit Musical Empowerment and donated supplies to a local music organization. Our social events have continued mostly on Zoom, but we did have one socially distanced and masked in-person social at a pumpkin patch in October. While we have missed seeing each other in person, we are proud to continue the work of our chapter from a distance.

— *Johanna Wolf, editor*

ROCHESTER (NY) — Victoria Shockley, a Theta Chi initiate, affiliated with our chapter. She is currently teaching elementary music classes in the Rochester City School District.

In January, two of our members, Julia Ryan who has her Master’s



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Members of the San Diego County Alumnae Chapter.

degree in Speech Pathology and Ellie Steinmetz, who is working on her Master's degree through NYU, collaborated on a very informative presentation entitled "Speech Pathology and the Singing Voice." The presentation helped us better understand the many categories in the field along with learning about the vocal anatomy, good vocal health, and hygiene as related to the singing voice.

— Amy Harris, editor

ST. LOUIS (MO) — We have worked hard to stay virtually connected over the past year. We held monthly Zoom meetings that each included a Sister Share, where everyone in the chapter gives an update on their lives and answers a prompt such as "When's a time a sister showed you love?" We also watch pre-recorded musicales together, which has allowed our sisters to show their talents with other musicians and on instruments not usually available at meetings! We end each meeting by singing along to a video of our Chorale.

— Katee Thornton, editor

SAN DIEGO COUNTY (CA) — Even in a pandemic, the San Diego County Alumnae Chapter has been doing the same things we usually do. We still meet every month; interestingly, meeting virtually has been more accessible to some of our older members who can now visit with us from the comfort of their homes. Musicales are still performed, including pianist Laura Williams accompanying her husband on flute in November, and Kathi Bower Peterson playing solo oboe pieces by Latin American composers in January. Friend of the Arts Jim Tompkins-Maclaine led a holiday sing-along at our December Family Party. We also had a September musicale that featured recordings of virtual choir performances in which

our president Melinda Mauro performed and a historical presentation in October on the SAI songbook by Julie Shamon. Earlier this year, we held a successful online See's Candy fundraiser and are now in the process of offering our annual grants to local music educators. In January, we were pleased to affiliate Georgette Patricio, who is living in San Diego while virtually completing graduate school coursework across the country. We are glad to have her!

— Laura Williams, editor

TOPEKA (KS) — The chapter was honored to receive the Theta A Province Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award for 2020 and the Region II Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award for 2020! The awards were announced at the Theta A and Theta B virtual Province Day on March 6. Chapter vice president, membership, Laura Smith, was one of the presenters at Province Day. Her topic was: "Why Should I Join an Alumnae Chapter? Oh, the Friends I Have Made."

Monthly meetings are continuing via Zoom with plans for an in-person Founders' Day celebration in May, held jointly with Theta Chapter. Musicales have been recorded for two of the meetings. Alicia Price and Michelle Sieve presented a program of flute duets for the formal meeting in December, and Kristina Hernandez performed a clarinet solo at the February meeting.

Our chapter hosted a virtual silent auction on March 6 as a fundraiser for convention delegates. Various gift baskets were offered including band, choir, general music supplies, a movie night, and other creative ideas. McKenzie Rice, Alicia Price, and Shayn Jones served on the committee for this successful event.

— Char Taggart, editor

Next Deadline for Chapter Comments: July 15