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The *Tempo!* National Newsletter is published by the Fraternity to provide a source for chapters to share their activities and for Fraternity Education updates. Many creative ideas for programs, fundraising, and service projects can be found in these pages. Take notes!



Region IV RO Marci Kraus, PO Jasmine Reine-Walker, and Friend of the Arts Debbie Fagnano stand before members of the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter, Theta Theta, Theta Psi, Mu Rho, Mu Upsilon, and Kappa Epsilon.

OMEGA C

On Feb. 2, 2019, the Kappa Epsilon Chapter hosted the Omega C Province Day at the University of Southern Mississippi. The chapters who attended were Mu Upsilon, Mu Rho, Theta Psi, Theta Theta, and our New Orleans Alumnae Chapter. Special guests included Regional Officer Marci Kraus, Province Officer Jasmine Reine-Walker, and Mrs. Debbie Fagnano. Throughout the day, Kappa Epsilon and their fellow sisters were able to learn about ways to grow and expand their SAI Garden! Thanks to Kappa Epsilon's President and VPM, the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter, and the lovely "lady who makes the clouds sing," Debbie Fagnano, the sisters of Omega C learned of the importance of SAI's National Objectives, how to recruit potential sisters, and how to keep music alive and prominent in one's life. Province Day not only taught each chapter how to grow individually, but also as chapters as they went throughout the day together learning more about our cherished sisterhood.

— Gracie Breland, Kappa Epsilon editor



Chapters gathered for Province Days in February. At top, members of Rho A and Rho B. At bottom, members of Omega A.



TAU A

Hosted by Gamma Eta Chapter at Agnes Scott College, the Tau A Province Day was held on Saturday February 16. Some of the attendees are pictured with Jammie Phillips, Tau A Province Officer and Ruth Sieber Johnson, Executive Director and keynote speaker.

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Dominique Phillips is prepared for the Sigma Omicron Halloween Bake Sale.

SIGMA OMICRON – UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE, AR

Last fall, Savannah Ellis, one of our newest sisters, competed and won the 2018-2019 Concerto-Aria Competition and will be performing with the Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra. Sigma Omicron also held a bake sale that included special Halloween treats made by our very own members. We successfully raised over \$100 that will be donated to SAI Philanthropies, Inc. and already have plans in the works for another fundraising event. We will also be hosting the Mu B Province Day here at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. Our theme will be “Sisters in Service,” and we look forward to reconnecting with old friends and meeting new sisters during the weekend of April 6. — *Elisha Thornton, editor*

DELTA GAMMA – UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE, FL

That’s a wrap! We just finished our Spring 2019 Recruitment, “Jam with SAI.” Sarah Rothbard and the Membership Committee did a wonderful job at crafting events that joined sisterhood and service. For one of our events, “With Love, From SAI,” we wrote letters to music students at a local middle school. Through this event, sisters and potential Members-in-Training were able to bond over our shared love for music and help spread words of encouragement to students getting ready to start the journey into high school. We filled over thirty letters with fond memories of our high school music programs. Some members wrote about

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their experiences in high school marching band, and others told stories of the places they traveled with their choir or orchestra. It felt good to leave the event knowing that we all share a strong connection through music, and that we have the power to inspire others to find this same connection as they continue with their schooling.

— *Libby O'Connor, editor*

DELTA TAU – AUGUSTANA COLLEGE, ROCK ISLAND, IL

Over the last several months at Augustana College, the chapter has worked to become more active on our campus. In the fall, we participated in the Welcome Week Activities Fair, passing out flyers and encouraging eager new students to take an interest in SAI. We reestablished ourselves in Homecoming traditions like SING here at Augie, which is a Homecoming event where all organizations perform and sing a themed compilation of songs for the entire campus. We welcomed one new member, Kelsey Bumann, to our chapter, and she was initiated at the beginning of our winter term. We also were able to bring back a collaborative tradition of Christmas Caroling with Augustana’s Phi Mu Alpha Chapter. We walked around campus to different residential halls performing classics like “Joy to the World,” “Deck the Halls,” and “Jingle Bells.” We also enjoyed the privilege of caroling for the Augustana Speech and Hearing Clinic Christmas Party, Best Buddies (an organization that supports those with intellectual or developmental disabilities on campus), and several other locations. We look forward to opportunities the new year will bring like a *Polar Express* themed Semi-Formal, Under the Sea-themed Recruitment, hosting Province Day, and more ! — *Helene M. Paulson, editor*



Delta Tau members caroled with members of the Augustana College Phi Mu Alpha Chapter.

EPSILON THETA – APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY, BOONE, NC

On Nov. 16, the Epsilon Theta Chapter celebrated their 50th anniversary! To commemorate this momentous event, they held a three-day celebration from November 30 to December 2 where they invited all of their alumnae to join them. On Friday, a welcome event included hors d'oeuvres, music, a slideshow from old scrapbooks, and a photo booth, followed by the School of Music's Holiday Scholarship Concert. On Saturday, the sisters wrote cards to musicians deployed in the military, held a memorabilia viewing, sang from the SAI songbook, held a musicale, held the Chapter Anniversary Ceremony, and had a formal dinner. At the dinner, William Pelto, Friend of the Arts and the Dean of the Hayes School of Music gave a speech, which was followed by a question-and-answer session with several charter sisters in attendance. On Sunday, there was a brunch with a silent auction, SAI trivia, and songs by the Rho Tau chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and the Iota Omicron Chapter of

Kappa Kappa Psi. The weekend concluded with a formal chapter meeting. The chapter has accomplished a tremendous amount in the past 50 years, and they look forward to continuing that for many years to come.

— Elizabeth N. Peebles, editor

EPSILON PI – TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY, KIRKSVILLE, MO

The chapter hosted the eighteenth annual North Star Music Festival (NSMF) on November 1 and 2. NSMF is a new music festival that features recent compositions as well as a commissioned piece for a Truman State University ensemble. This year, Dr. Adam B. Silverman was commissioned to write *pittering/pattering* for Percussion Ensemble I, which was premiered at the festival. Hannah Weibert, the 2018 NSMF Committee Chair, says that the goals of the festival are to promote Truman's new music ensembles and composers as well as making cutting-edge music accessible to Truman and the Kirksville community. This year,



Epsilon Pi hosted the Truman State University North Star Music Festival in November, featuring the premiere of *pittering/pattering*, a commissioned piece.



Weibert's favorite performance was a multimedia improvisation, which featured a small free jazz ensemble and two painters who collectively improvised. Epsilon Pi's NSMF advisor, Dr. Charles Gran, hopes that in the future, Epsilon Pi can promote more female composers through the festival. To achieve this, Gran and Weibert hope to increase funding for the festival through continued grant writing. This way, Weibert says, NSMF can support female composers and continue to be a "microcosm of music in the world" and provide "performance[s] that [are] truly ephemeral."

— Allie Wills, editor

KAPPA NU – LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, MO

Kappa Nu has been growing on the campus: We are celebrating our sweet sixteen as a Kappa Nu sisterhood and are excited to share that this year our recruitment has been bigger than ever. We had almost 20 girls at our recruitment events (which is a huge number for a smaller university like us). The majority of them showed interest in joining, and we have several freshmen hoping to be invited when they fulfill their music credit requirement. In addition to that we welcomed Kappa Nu initiate Rachel Eschbacher to our chapter on Dec. 9. She is an amazing vocalist pursuing a degree in music education. This year has been full of growth so far and we are honored to share and celebrate our 16 years of sisterhood with you!

— Elizabeth Peters, editor

KAPPA UPSILON – KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, MANHATTAN, KS

One of Kappa Upsilon's traditions is going caroling at Meadowlark Hills, a retirement community in Manhattan, KS. In October, we went "Pumpkin Caroling," a fun twist on Christmas carols by replacing the lyrics with Halloween-related words. In December, we went Christmas caroling and invited the brothers of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia's Tau Chapter to join us. Residents joined us in singing and even playing the piano. Some



Kappa Upsilon performed Pumpkin Caroling during Halloween.

of the residents at Meadowlark Hills are sisters of SAI! This is a great service project for our chapter to spread music within the community while also nurturing sisterhood with one another. These events are always one of our favorites, as well as for the residents at Meadowlark Hills!

— Rachel Lord, editor

LAMBDA OMICRON – FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MIAMI, FL

We're only a month into the spring semester, but Lambda Omicron has already raised over \$1,000 for Relay for Life! Most organizations take part in this cancer research-benefitting event at Florida International University, and we're proud to say we're one of the top 5 teams with most funds raised. Additionally, we have just received a Chapter Outreach Grant that will support a local school with instrument repairs or the

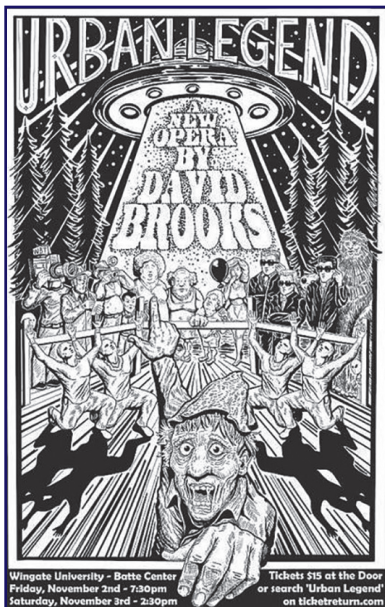
director's wish list. Our chapter is celebrating its ninth year at FIU this semester, and we're celebrating over a lovely dinner with alumnae and friends. If this is any indication, we're in for an eventful and fruitful semester!

— Maria Yow, editor

MU LAMBDA – WINGATE UNIVERSITY, WINGATE, NC

Can you say that you've starred in the world premiere of a new opera? Our Mu Lambda sisters can! On Nov. 2 and 3, many of our sisters had lead roles and worked behind the scenes in the world premiere of *Urban Legend*, an opera about a UFO sighting over a small town called Urban, AR, in 1993 written by Wingate professor Dr. David Brooks. *Urban Legend* was performed under the direction of Beta Alpha initiate Dr. Jessie Wright Martin, who has been running the Opera Program at Wingate since its inception in 2007. Dr. Martin says that once the score was completed in April, she began working on staging and design in May and then worked with the singers in August. While she admits there was a bumpy start to the whole process, it was a huge success in the end, and she's extremely grateful that Dr. Brooks chose to premiere his opera at Wingate and that she gets to put on operas twice a year.

— Jay Forst, editor



Members of Mu Lambda took part in the world premiere of the opera *Urban Legend*.

MU TAU – COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, FORT COLLINS, CO

The chapter welcomed Mikayla Powell into their cherished sisterhood in January. They are excited to have new members join as they prepare to send off the seniors in May. Cassidy King, Hailey Moy, and Nicky Tisdall are finishing their final semester of classes and are preparing for the world beyond college. Their sisters could not be more proud of everything they have accomplished, and of all the things they will go on to do. The chapter is planning a Formal in April with the men of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia at Colorado State. The theme will be *Yule Ball* to encourage the students of CSU to remember the magic in the world, especially as many head off into "the real world." Additionally, the chapter is exploring a philanthropy project entitled Chase the Music. This organization pairs musicians with children battling critical conditions in order to compose a piece of music, written especially for the child, and perform it live. They are looking forward to a year full of fun events, community service projects, and the bright faces of new sisters.

— Paige K. Sakakida, editor

THETA PSI – LOYOLA UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA

During the fall semester of 2018, the chapter set up various goals for us to achieve as a sisterhood; among those was to create more activities in which most sisters could attend. This is a common challenge among fraternity organizations, right? Well, in our chapter, we took bold steps to make this happen with our social activities committee; thanks to them, our chapter had unforgettable moments filled with music and most of all sisterhood. The most remarkable event created was the Halloween Social on Oct. 26 because the room glittered as our sisters dressed up for the occasion, eager to take part in the night's events. Then, various sisters showed off their spooky musical selections of Harry Potter music and empowering classic pop hits that reminded us of our passion for music and our unique collection of amazing women. Given that most of us are busy music students, it was special to excel beyond our goals and celebrate an amazing Halloween- SAI style!

— Ivana Lobue, editor



Congratulations to our 2019 Graduates!

Remember to make your first contribution to SAI Philanthropies, Inc. when you pay your national Alumnae Association dues. Your name will join other young women listed in the exclusive 1903 Club.



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Members of the Asheville Alumnae Chapter.

ASHEVILLE (NC) – Greetings from Asheville, NC! In our second year, the chapter is still on the move with Fraternity and Community Enrichment (FACE) where we choose a musical group to offer support to during the year. Pan Harmonia, an eclectic collection of performers ranging from bagpipers to bassoonists, was selected this year.

Katie Steinbeck, Pan Harmonia’s founder, director, and flautist, accepted our invitation and delivered a presentation for our October chapter meeting. She presented both music and information about the philanthropic mission of Pan Harmonia. She welcomed us as supporters as well as our donation. For our December meeting, chapter members attended a concert featuring Steinbeck and classical guitarist Amy Brucksch in a program of music from Central America. —*Nicole Horne, editor*

BUFFALO (NY) – The chapter had a full-to-overflowing fall and early winter calendar! Sisters gathered in August to view *Note by Note: The Making of Steinway Concert Grand L1037 from Forest Floor to Concert Stage*, a fascinating documentary exploring all the amazing stages involved in the building of a Steinway concert grand piano. In October, the chapter hosted an instrument petting zoo and an “Arts at the Bakery” themed meeting where members learned about the Westfield Center for the Arts from Center Director Carolyn Panzica. At a formal meeting in November, the Sword of Honor was presented to chapter President Deb Jasinski. During that meeting, Delta Lambda initiate Danielle Ricks was affiliated, and member Ruth Würster “became” (in dress and speech) the amazing Hildegard von Bingen, telling of her work, music, and influence. The chapter’s annual benefit recital on Dec. 9 at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Williamsville, at which, along with performances by the ABC Bel Canto Choirs, members Martha Malkiewicz, Sue Tichy and Rachel Nickel performed works for bassoon and flute. Our late winter and spring schedule looks loaded with music fun too! — *Carole Harris, editor*

CHARLOTTE (NC) – The chapter celebrates the realization of two new on-going projects. We performed the premiere of Nate Galliher’s *Penumbra*, a chamber work for instruments and voices, commissioned as part of Galliher’s first-place prize in our inaugural composition competition held in conjunction with Queen’s University of Charlotte. *Penumbra*



Members of the Bloomington Indiana Alumnae Chapter.

was featured in our third annual Concert of American Music held in the Suzanne Little Recital Hall at Queen’s on Feb. 3, 2018. Galliher graduated with a Bachelor’s degree this spring and plans to pursue graduate studies in composition as he continues “to push the barriers on what can be done through music.”

We launched a Tau B Province Collegiate Scholarship on April 21 and presented the inaugural award to Anna Ferretiz of Eta Theta at Province Day. Ferretiz is pursuing degrees in Music Education and Spanish at Western Carolina University with plans to graduate in May 2019. She says her dream job is “to teach music to students who may possibly speak Spanish with English Language learners.” She wants “to provide the best education to my students and to help them see music as a beautiful art form” connecting them to the broader world. —*Melinda Lein, editor*

COLORADO SPRINGS (CO) – The chapter always plans a variety of activities, and it has held quite a few so far this year. Meetings include a monthly musicale program or a Fraternity Education presentation. Topics have included music from the SAI Songbook, vocal works by members of the SAI Composers Bureau, information on the women who worked alongside our SAI Founders in 1903, and facts about the other Greek music organizations. Various items are collected each month for area

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter celebrated its 75th anniversary.
Jay Sonata Photography



Members of the Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter with newly initiated Patroness member Kathleen Fox Collins (center).

service projects, such as plastic pill bottles, soda can tabs, and toiletries.

The chapter affiliated one new member in the fall: Michal Garner, an initiate of the Alpha Phi Chapter at The University of Colorado Boulder and current Co-Director of Bands at Mountain Ridge Middle School. Additional fall events included multiple fundraisers (Texas Roadhouse gift cards and Cards for a Cause greeting card sales); a fun trip to the local Pumpkin Patch and corn maze; and our annual Christmas caroling and cookie exchange.

This spring, we welcomed area music icon Kathleen Fox Collins as a Patroness member. She has been an active behind-the-scenes advocate for the arts in Colorado Springs since 1975 and was recently honored by the Colorado Springs Philharmonic Foundation with the creation of the Kathleen Fox Collins Fund and Legacy Challenge to raise \$50,000 for the foundation.

— Christine Bruns, editor

COLUMBIA (MO) — Our first chapter meeting of the year on Sept. 9, at the home of Amber Wingler, provided members with an opportunity to reconnect and share news from the summer months. After singing “So Near, So Dear” the chapter was eager to hear about the 2018 National Convention, attended by members Sarah Harper, Cortney Myers, and Amber Wingler. With numerous stories, experiences, and photos shared from the event, the chapter will continue to benefit from the knowledge and inspiration that convention provided.

The chapter came together for the Oct. 14 meeting at the home of Emily Cassidy. Sarah Harper shared a fun and informative video that reminded the chapter of the rules regarding the pronunciation of alumnae, and Erin Chucovich gave a short presentation about the many valuable resources available through the public library system. The gathering ended with the assembly of goodie bags for the Iota Lambda chapter.

Our members are especially excited about our chapter’s upcoming 50th Anniversary which will be commemorated on June 8, 2019.

—Catherine Maledy, editor

DALLAS (TX) — The chapter joyfully celebrated its 75th anniversary on Nov. 15, 2018. The anniversary was highlighted with a lovely dinner at the Wyndham Hotel, Dallas. The keynote speaker was Iota Theta initiate and Dallas Alumnae member Yvonne Stewart. Yvonne shared reflections of her time as an alumna, as well as her college years during the 1940s at the University of North Texas. President Missy Lofton shared greetings from National and Province Officers. Music was provided by The Hills of Shannon, a traditional Irish group. Member Marilyn Rogers received her 50-year pin, and Jane Samford received the Rose of Honor. The evening was a lovely celebration of sisterhood.

Several of our sisters participated in the Kappa B Province Day on Jan. 19, 2019. The activities were held on the University of North Texas campus. Kirsten Broberg was an engaging keynote speaker. She is currently an Assistant Professor in Music Composition and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the College of Music at UNT. Broberg’s compositions have been performed by internationally recognized ensembles. The Province Day offered engaging workshops, lively sing-alongs, and a lovely musicale.

—Jane Samford, editor

DENVER (CO) — Seven new members affiliated during November and January meetings. November’s well-attended meeting was also the chapter’s first official visit with their newly elected Province Officer, Megan Nugent. They celebrated Incorporation Day on Dec. 15 with a lunch and a record high attendance of sisters and guests. Sisters sang holiday carols at The Gathering Place, a drop-in center for women, children, and transgender individuals who are experiencing poverty, as part of the ongoing service with this organization. At the end of January, sisters and guests attended a Sip ‘n’ Paint fundraiser where \$340 dollars were raised for SAI Philanthropies, Inc. The chapter looks forward to their



The Denver Alumnae Chapter affiliated Tina Phillips, Keena Day (not pictured), Callie O'Buckley, and Jessica Knieff in January.

79th anniversary on March 22nd when planning for our 80th anniversary will commence!
—Rachel Davis, editor

FORT WORTH (TX) – The chapter began “Ringling In Another Funtastic, Fantastic Year” in September, with eight convention attendees giving impressions of their fabulous time in Scottsdale — major thrill: joining Kappa province and California sisters to sing *Daughters of Music*, composed by chapter president Debra Rue. Equally thrilling was Debra’s *ODE TO Pan’s CottAGE* performed as winner of the Pan’s Cottage Competition. The October formal meeting included affiliation of Samantha Fenwick, performance by clarinetist Jessica Braum, and presentations regarding planned projects and fund-raising. Guest Kerissa Bearce spoke on our plans in progress to assist Girls Rock Fort Worth, a local organization which educates and empowers young girls through music. A new fundraiser is the creation of The Accidentals, a vocal ensemble providing music for area events or a fee.
—Pat Wooley, editor



SAI Philanthropies Chairman Heidi Frankson with Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter president Debra Rue, composer & winner of the Pan's Cottage Songwriting Contest at the 2018 National Convention.

HOT SPRINGS (AR) – In December, Cantate, a women’s vocal ensemble sponsored by the chapter, presented a series of performances to raise money for local musical organizations and to provide scholarship assistance. “Home for the Holidays” was the theme, featuring many familiar holiday songs, such as “Santa Claus is Comin’ to Town,” “Winter



Members of the Hot Springs Alumnae Chapter in their "ugly Christmas sweaters."

Wonderland,” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas.” Each year, Cantate performs these programs in costume and this year, the centerpiece number was Jill Gallina’s “Ugly Christmas Sweater,” so the singers enjoyed finding just the right sweater for the occasion. After presenting two fundraising performances, Cantate took the program to a local retirement community and then presented it to the guests and staff at the local Alzheimer’s daycare facility.

Organizations which have benefitted from these funds include the Hot Springs Flute Ensemble, SAI sister Dr. Jackie Flowers, Music Director; the Hot Springs Music Festival, SAI sister Lynn Payette, Executive Director; area schools and the Garland County Library.
—Lynn Payette, editor

KANSAS CITY (MO) – November presented a lot of Midwest challenges when it came to the large amount of snow we got here in Kansas City. We still managed to hold our Annual Musicales, where our member Halide K. Smith was able to perform works she arranged and composed herself. When the Kansas City Renaissance Faire is up and running, some of our members sing with Madrigalia Bar Nonne, which performs throughout the festival. After RenFest is over and holiday season begins, the group turns into Carolers of Note, performing around cities in Kansas and even while riding the Kansas City Streetcar. Our sisters Julie Watson, Elaine Minden, and Marilyn Miller have been caroling with this group for many years.

This spring will be an exciting time for our chapter as we affiliate two women at our February chapter meeting. We are planning to have a Saturday morning potluck brunch instead of our regular Monday nighttime business meetings to inspire a more social atmosphere. This will be a great precursor to the yearly scholarship auditions we have set up the first weekend in March to recognize the amazing talent that KC has to offer.
—Kara Huen, editor

LAKE COUNTY (IN) – Earlier in the fall, alumnae members Tina Shultz and Bridget Fine hosted two Beta Lambda sisters for student teaching. On Dec. 10, the Department of Education at Valparaiso University held a banquet for all student teachers. We were well



Lake County Alumnae Chapter vice-president, programs Carol Ondra, Peggy Glennie, editor Anna Padberg, and Friend of the Arts Michael Fish serve snacks at the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra holiday rehearsal.

represented with five Beta Lambda sisters and Tina Shultz in attendance.

The sisters gathered at the home of alumnae member Beth Flynn on Dec. 9 for our annual holiday potluck and gift exchange. The food was amazing and the white elephant gift exchange brought lots of laughter. The Elizabeth Quinn Recorder Consort performed holiday favorites.

On Dec. 11 alumnae members Carol Ondra, Peggy Glennie, Anna Padberg, and Friend of the Arts Michael Fish provided an array of snacks and awesome chicken sandwiches made by Michael for the Northwest Indiana Symphony and Chorus members. Alumnae member Lois Thurner began this well received activity years ago and the chapter has now added it to our volunteer programs in the community. —Anna Padberg, editor

MEMPHIS (TN) – What began as a run-out performance by Opera Memphis at the small Raleigh branch of the Memphis Public Library Libraries evolved into a continuing educational outreach project for the chapter. The Raleigh Branch Manager requested local historical content in addition to musical performances. Chapter President Marcie Richardson was able to extend her organizational efforts already under way for a Main Memphis Public Library performance series. Chapter members host a small reception following the concerts, giving the audience a chance to meet the performers.

Last year's project was kicked off with a festive Holiday Program showcasing a vocal ensemble and a string quartet from the University of Memphis Rudi Scheldt School of Music. A St. Patrick's Day



Memphis Alumnae Chapter member Janel Long demonstrates the baritone at an Instrument Petting Zoo.

presentation exploring the history of the Irish in Memphis highlighted Irish music of various periods and styles. The year closed with a presentation of River Music by Marcie Richardson.

The 2018-19 Series began with an Instrument Petting Zoo attracting the largest number of participants to date. Joined by a large contingent of University of Memphis Rudi Scheidt School of Music Delta Beta Chapter members, Raleigh Library visitors were treated to a viewing of a Leonard Bernstein Young People's Concerts video and experienced a demonstration of string, brass and wind instruments. In addition to a Holiday concert, two more events are planned for Spring 2019.

—Marsha Rider, editor

NEW YORK (NY) – The New York Alumnae Chapter has a special partnership and often volunteers with the Turtle Bay Music School in New York City. Turtle Bay provides quality music education programs for individuals of all ages. In December, our sisters had the opportunity to not only see their beautiful new space, but help spread holiday cheer by decorating. Our sisters had a wonderful time and our chapter is thrilled to be able to continue our partnership and involvement with this school!

—Nicole Davidson, editor

PEORIA (IL) – Each year, two monetary awards are presented by the alumnae chapter to junior or senior members of the Beta Gamma Chapter who display great musical talent and service to Sigma Alpha Iota.

Danelia Janssen, a music theory teacher at Bradley University, was the first inspiration for the students to pursue organizing a music sisterhood. The charter was granted in 1948, and an audition has been held in her honor since 1960. Aileen Kuypers, performing on the alto saxophone, was awarded the Danelia Janssen Award. She studies with Keith Zimmerman and is a junior music education major. Aileen is also a member of the Bradley Symphonic Winds and Jazz and Saxophone Ensembles. Currently, she serves as the chapter treasurer

The Memorial Award, given in honor of deceased alumnae members, was presented to vocalist Cara Heinemann, a senior elementary major studying voice with Dr. Kerry Walters. She performs with the Bradley Chorale. Cara has been the programming chair, the recipient of the Sword of Honor, and is currently the vice-president, ritual.

—chapter member Sandra Hattermann

PHILADELPHIA (PA) – Since the end of June 2018, the chapter has been busy. Nine members attended Convention in Arizona where several sisters offered workshops and reconnected with convention participants who were once Philly alumnae. Since Convention, we presented musicales for two nursing homes, initiated two patronesses —Briana McCloud and Danielle Muse — and celebrated Janet Yamron for 50 years of membership. At our January 2019 meeting, we held our annual auction to support the Eloise McKnight Scholarship with Mary Bushong as auctioneer. The scholarship is for collegiate SAIs in Chi A Province who are active in SAI and have financial need. We also finalized

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Members of the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter.

plans for Chi A Province Day which we will be hosting in March. Sisters continue to participate in and support many local music organizations in the Delaware Valley.

—Ruth Sheets, editor

PONTCHARTRAIN (MI) — Member Laureate Libby Larsen teamed up with National Arts Associate Nan Washburn and the Michigan Philharmonic, Madonna Chorale, and Main Street Opera Theater soloists for a performance of Libby’s “In a Winter Garden.” Pontchartrain member Marie Bonello presented roses to Larsen after the performance in front of an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

The Michigan Philharmonic kicked off its season with a 20th NANiversary concert in honor of conductor Nan Washburn and her 20 years with the orchestra. Nan, a 2010 National Arts Associate, supports women composers. Pontchartrain sisters hosted a beautiful reception and presented her with a gorgeous bouquet of roses. Nan continues to fulfill the fraternity’s mission of encouraging, nurturing, and supporting music!

The chapter welcomes Ardith Arnelle-Price! Ardith has sung for many colleges and universities and has performed leading roles in musicals, operettas and operas. Ardith is also an accomplished violist and has played with many great jazz artists: Duke Ellington, Eubie Blake, Lionel Hampton, Red Skelton, Carlos Montoya, Victor Borge, and Quincy Jones. Ardith has been a studio violist, performing for the Dramatics and the Love Unlimited Orchestra with Barry White.

—Lisa Root, editor

RALEIGH/DURHAM (NC) — The chapter has instituted “SAI Fun Fridays” which are monthly social events. Thus far, members gathered to see *A Star is Born*, had a Thanksgiving potluck, a holiday movie night, and went to a local trampoline park. We have a game night planned for February. Gizelle Harris, Adena Hockaday, Caitlin Joyner, Sherri Damon, and Beckie Callahan affiliated in November. It’s the chapter’s first year completing a Call for Scores project. We received nearly 100 original compositions from women and non-binary composers. Nine original works were selected and will be premiered by members at a public musicale on March 2. Our chapter president, Angela Bullard, got to do her debt-free scream with Dave Ramsey in December. She paid off \$35k of debt in 30 months. We are so proud of you, Angela!

—Johanna Wolf, vp-membership

RENO (NV) — Our delightful Christmas party, at the beautiful new home of Peggy Hall, also served as a fun and seasonal rehearsal for Caroling for Camp, the annual fundraiser with which the chapter raises money to send a student to the Lake Tahoe Music Camp. This year we received \$301, which is 50% of our annual goal. A spring garage sale is planned to raise the remaining funds.

The diners, including many homeless, at the St. Vincent Dining Room lunches genuinely appreciate and occasionally even participate in our choral and instrumental presentations, now conducted several times a year, thanks to the organizing ability of Linda Brown. Our other community service project is the reorganization of the county school district’s Music Resource Library, a massive undertaking that is succeeding thanks to multiple members working several days for a number of weekends. In a separate issue, some of our members have unofficially attended school board meetings to try to maintain sufficient financial support for the school music programs.

We are currently planning our participation in Delta B Province Day, and we are taking pauses in our meetings to play hand chimes, a rewarding experience for all of us.

—Ann Owen, editor

ROCKFORD (IL) — The chapter held a musicale at Wesley Willows Senior Center in October and were delighted to see member Fern Armstrong who now lives there. In November, our meeting was a social gathering at a breakfast where we invited area resident members to join us. We also wrapped presents at Barnes & Noble in support of a string program at Johnson Elementary School. We were able to provide several violins for the afterschool program. The chapter noted the passing of two charter members —Mary Lou Jeanmarie and Delores (Dee) Prellberg. Both were graduates of Carthage College and initiates of Alpha Tau.

—Barbara Simon, editor

ST. LOUIS (MO) — The chapter had a joyous and busy fall! Their biggest milestone was the celebration of the chapter’s 75th Anniversary on Nov. 10, attended by alumnae members all over the province, guests, distinguished members, and keynote speaker, Executive Director Ruth Sieber Johnson. The anniversary festivities began with a ritual ceremony inducting Gary Gackstatter as a Friend of the Arts. Following the ceremony, sisters and guests enjoyed great food and conversation, a welcome from Alumnae President Laura Porter, musical moments from alumnae members Loris Clifford, Flo Reeves, and Jayne Hanlin, a Fraternity sing, an inspirational message from Sieber Johnson, and the chapter anniversary ceremony. The musicale for the event featured the debut of “This is to Be Our Symphony,” a commissioned piece composed by newly initiated Friend of the Arts Gackstatter for the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter’s 75th Anniversary.

—Kara Street, editor

SAN ANTONIO (TX) — For some people, the holidays are a time of year filled with loved ones, making many happy memories. For others, it’s a lonely time of grief and sadness. To help change that, the sisters of the San Antonio Alumnae and Theta Gamma Chapters spent a day spreading



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Members of the San Antonio Alumnae Chapter and Theta Gamma caroled at the oncology ward of the local Methodist Hospital.



San Francisco Alumnae Chapter member Terry Merchant (left) received the Sword of Honor as treasurer/honors committee chair Cathy Blair looks on.

Christmas cheer to those who really needed it. One of our sisters, Beatriz Velez, won a grant through her work at Capital Group. With that grant, we were able to partner with the nonprofit organization Hearts Need Art — an organization that provides creative support to adults with cancer. We caroled around the halls of the oncology floor at Methodist Hospital twice, lifted the spirits of all the patients and workers there, and had a blast doing it! As Buddy the Elf once said, “The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loud for all to hear!” — *Kelsee Wuebben, editor*

TULSA (OK) — “Here we come a-caroling” might have been the theme when seven members of chapter participated in Christmas caroling at two Tulsa area retirement communities on Saturday, Dec. 8. Residents of Brookdale Midtown and The Villages at Southern Hills welcomed the singers, and many in the audience actually joined in singing the familiar sacred and secular songs of the season. The traditional caroling event for 2018 was the fifth consecutive year in which the chapter has shared holiday music with groups of Tulsa senior citizens. Following the caroling, the participating chapter members enjoyed lunch together.

— *Sue Amstutz, Tempo correspondent*

WASHINGTON (DC) — Happy New Year from the Washington DC Alumnae Chapter! Though we are excited about all of the fun events coming up for our chapter this year, we wanted to update everyone on some of our events from the end of 2018. On Dec. 2, we welcomed three new affiliates to our chapter — Sara Martin, Kayla Tanniehill, and Ellen Delp. On Dec. 16, we held our Annual Holiday Musicale at ManorCare Health Services. Sisters Karen Egypt, Malinda Dix-Hunt, and Mary K Traver performed.

— *Stephanie Cutter, editor*



The Washington DC Alumnae Chapter affiliated Sara Martin, Kayla Tanniehill, and Ellen Delp in December.