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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The New Year is upon us! We always knew it would arrive – but how do we greet it, and what meaning will it have for us?

A new beginning provides us all with the opportunity for a fresh outlook and a new start. To make the best of this, we need to be inspired. True inspiration can take us beyond the confines of our daily duties and activities. It nourishes the best, the strongest and the most satisfying depths of our being.

But where does inspiration start, and how do we find it?

Perhaps it starts with a telephone call to an SAI Sister. Conversation molds and polishes one's brain, and fosters empathy and understanding.

Maybe it starts with a thank you note of appreciation for an SAI

Sister's efforts, good deeds or cheerfulness. Written material is the hard copy of a relationship.

It could be that it starts with a word of praise for an SAI Sister's program performance. Appreciation is the glue that holds individualism together.

Perhaps it begins with the offer of a helping hand for an SAI Sister. A helping hand has the power to turn night into day, uncertainty into success.

Maybe it starts with being a good listener for an SAI Sister's message. Communication is the "stuff" of life – the very basis for human activity.

It is possible that it starts with a condolence card for an SAI Sister's need. Sincere sympathy warms the heart and generates

feelings of physical improvement and well-being.

Perhaps it starts with an effort to make a new SAI Sister friend at each chapter event. Making new friends enlarges one's world and adds variety and seasoning to life.

I have noticed a common thread in every observation. We do not need to travel far nor spend great amounts of money and resources to find the inspiration that beckons to us all. It is in our midst.

We can nourish the best, the strongest and the most satisfying depths of our being. The inspiration that will take us there is our

SAI SISTERHOOD!

With SAI Love and Many Roses,

—June Chartrand

RAFFLE PRIZE TO BE AWARDED IN JANUARY

Ruth Viviani has donated a lovely bedspread/coverlet for us to raffle at the Winter Luncheon (now scheduled for January 9). The coverlet is a hand-crocheted piece, done in white with red roses scattered

throughout. It will fit a standard double or queen-sized bed. Raffle tickets are \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. We will be selling the tickets at every meeting until just before the drawing actually takes place in January. If

you cannot attend a meeting and wish to buy a ticket or two, please contact Ruth and she can direct you and answer any questions you may have about this lovely piece of handiwork.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, 12:30 PM rescheduled Holiday Luncheon—Home of Ruth Viviani. See elsewhere in this issue for details.
- Saturday, Jan. 16, 2:00 PM—Board Meeting—Home of June Chartrand—All are welcome to attend. Call June for directions.
- Province Day will be held in Flagstaff, February 5—7. Please save the dates. We would love to see you there! See inside for more details.



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FRED SAID.....



Please note
that the
deadline for
the Feb.
issue is
Jan. 25.
Call us or
email your
news by
then.

Did you know that SAI Philanthropies Inc. has a grant program for professional development? If you have always wanted to go to a special music conference or a music-related convention, now is your chance to get some additional funding to help you on your way!

Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc. proudly announces the availability of grants in amounts up to \$500 to encourage **music-related continuing education and professional development** among its members. The Professional Development/Education Grant is available to alumnae and affiliated patroness members in good standing.

A member may receive one grant per triennium to support an educational and /or professional development activity related to her current employment in the field of music.

Examples of activities that may be funded under this grant program include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Tuition for a college music course
- Registration fee for a music education workshop
- Mileage or airfare to attend a

leadership training conference

- Expense reimbursement to attend a seminar on instrument repair/maintenance

SAI Philanthropies, Inc. requires only that the recipient be in good standing, be current with national dues, and share the knowledge she gains from the experience with other SAIs. This is to be done within one year of the grant.

Examples of fulfillment:

- Give a Presentation at Province Day
- Write a short article or summary of the event for *Pan Pipes* or a province/chapter newsletter
- Present an educational workshop at a triennial convention

To Apply

Send a letter by **U.S. Mail** to Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc.

ATTN: Director, Professional Dev./ Education Grants
One Tunnel Road
Asheville, NC 28805

And, send a letter electronically to [Kim Whitney](#), Project Director. See the Sigma Alpha Iota website for more information.

HOLIDAY (WINTER) LUNCHEON REVISITED

Come, celebrate the arrival of Winter with your SAI sisters at the home of Ruth Viviani, on **Saturday, January 9 at 12:30 PM**. This is a new date for the fun event and it is one of the best-attended SAI gatherings each year. Ruth will provide the basics for a Build-a-Salad style lunch. Please contact her about the kind of salad topping (meat, veggies or cheeses) you may contribute. Dessert and beverages will be provided. You wouldn't want to miss that! There will also be a raffle of the lovely SAI Rose Coverlet and a

Silent Auction featuring some exceptional items. All proceeds from these activities will go towards our outreach programs and to SAI Philanthropies, Inc. Ruth's home is at 17023 N. Country Club Drive, Sun City. Her phone is (623) 974-6975. **Directions:** Take Bell Road in the West Valley to Burns/ Lindgren, turn N. on Lindgren 1 block, right on Country Club. House number 17023 is in 3rd cul-de-sac on R.H. side. **Please RSVP to Ruth to confirm your attendance on Jan. 9th.**





Last Chance!

Dear Sisters,

The Delta Eta Chapter in Flagstaff is excited to invite you to the 2010 Province Day at the Northern Arizona University School of Music. Included with this invitation, you will find a registration form, a musicale registration form, a tentative itinerary, and a map to our School of Music

Our 'Spring 2010 Pledge Ceremony' will take place during the day on Saturday in the hopes that everyone will be able to attend. By joining us in this special event, our new MIT's will be able to witness SAI as a memorable, lifelong experience from the very beginning!

If there are any questions or concerns about any part of Province Day please do not hesitate to contact any of the three ladies listed below. Again, Delta Eta Chapter is looking forward to hosting the event, meeting new sisters in our Province, and reconnecting with those we only have the opportunity to see a few times each year.

Roses,

<i>Megan Oechsner</i>	<i>Beth Hermanson</i>	<i>Kelsey Mehlert</i>
President	Province Day Co-Chair	Province Day Co-Chair
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PROVINCE DAY 2010 WEEKEND!

Friday, February 5, 7:00PM

Ice Cream Social and Ice Breakers

(This is an optional activity for those arriving early and want to see us Friday night!)

Ice Cream
Ice Breakers
Singing
Light Music

Saturday, February 6, All Day: PROVINCE DAY!!!

Tentative Itinerary

8:30am-9am – Breakfast and Check-in
9am – Opening Ceremony/
Words of Welcome
Pledge Ceremony
Guest Speakers
SAI Games* & Musicale

Sunday, February 7, 10:00AM

Farewell

Fun Awards from the Delta Eta Chapter!
SAI Singing
Farewell Game*

**all games will be accessible to everyone, no matter your mobility*

DIRECTIONS TO NAU & PROVINCE DAY

Head North on I-17 towards Flagstaff.

I-17 turns into S Milton Rd. Continue on Milton Rd.

Turn right on Riordan Rd. (fourth stop light)

Music Building will be in front of you.

You can park in the large parking lot on your left or continue down Riordan Rd. and park in the parking garage on your right.

Any questions? Feel free to contact us!

Please mind the
January 15th
deadline!



Omicron Province Day

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, Arizona

Registration Form

(Please distribute to all who may be interested in attending)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Chapter and Office: _____

Each chapter in Omicron Province is strongly encouraged to provide a performer for the musicale. If you are interested in performing, please complete the attached musicale registration form.

We will be ordering **Province Day T-Shirts!** If you would like a T-shirt, it will be a maximum additional \$10. We will have the official price at Province Day, after we have received all orders. Check yes or no below, including your size if you check yes. Please bring money for shirts to Province Day (**please do not include payment for shirts with registration fee**).

Yes _____ T-shirt Size _____ No _____

Registration Fee: \$20.00 for collegiate members and \$25.00 for Alumnae (includes lunch). Make checks payable to ***SAI Delta Eta Chapter***. If you will need overnight accommodations, you may contact us for a list of area hotels.

Enclosed is payment of \$_____ for _____ persons.

Please check here _____ if you are registering for others, and include their names, addresses, phone, email address, chapter, and office on an additional sheet of paper and send it with the payment for everyone on the list.

Please return this entire form with payment by January 15, 2010 to:

Delta Eta Chapter

Sigma Alpha Iota

NAU Box 6040

Flagstaff AZ 86011

Omicron Province Day 2010

Musicale Registration

Please send this form along with your Registration if you are planning to participate in the Musicale

Name: _____

Additional Performers: _____

Chapter: _____

Instrument(s): _____

Musical Selection: _____

Composer: _____

Length: _____ (10 minute limit please)

Accompanist (optional): _____

Sigma Alpha Iota accepts with pride the responsibilities and privileges of being a leader in the pursuit of music creation, performance and scholarship

HOTEL INFORMATION FOR PROVINCE DAY

Hampton Inn and Suites

I-40 at exit 195B
2400 S. Beulah Blvd
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
928-913-0900

Available rooms: Suite with 2 queen beds and a pull-out sofa and kitchenette
Single room with 2 Queen Beds
Please call the hotel directly for the current rate. There is an AARP discount.

[Free continental breakfast, indoor pool, Sizzler in same parking lot]

La Quinta Inn and Suites

I-40 at exit 195B
2015 S. Beulah Blvd
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
928-556-8666

Available Rooms with 2 Double beds
Please call the hotel directly for the current rate. There is an AARP discount.
[Free continental breakfast]

AmeriSuites

I-40 at exit 195B
2544 S. Beulah Blvd
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
928-774-8042

Available Rooms: with 2 queen beds and a pull-out sofa
Please call the hotel directly for the current rate. There is an AARP discount.
[Free continental breakfast, indoor pool]

*If you have any questions, please contact Beth Hermanson at (602) 402-4526 or eh75@nau.edu



INTRODUCING.... OUR NEWEST AFFILIATES!

MAUREEN O'BRIEN BAKER (MRS. JAMES)

16801 N. 94th St #2057
Scottsdale, AZ 85260-1516
Ph: 917-478-5360

Maureen was initiated into Rho Chapter at the Univ. of Wisconsin – Madison, in 2000. Her field of study: Music / French. She plays the Flute.

Quote: "I recently moved to Phoenix from NYC. I was married on October 10, 2009."

TARA HUNEFELD CLEVELAND (MRS. BRIAN)

14109 N 83rd Ave #271
Peoria, AZ 85381-4772
Ph: 616-706-5662

Tara was initiated into Beta Eta Chapter at Western Michigan University – Kalamazoo, in 2007. Her field of study: Music Ed. Choral/General. She graduated from the Honors Program. Her performance area is Voice.

Quote: "I love food and I love to make music!! What more could anyone want?"

EVELYN M. JOHNSON

12405 S Potomac St.
Phoenix, AZ 85044-2233
Ph: 480-785-2286

Evelyn was initiated into Alpha Alpha Chapter at Bethany College, in 1951. Her field of study: Music Education. She plays Piano, Organ and Flute and is a member of the AGO.

Quote: "I was born and raised in Kansas, married, and had three daughters. I moved to Nebraska where I was organist at a large Lutheran Church for 25 years. I also play the flute. For additional interests, I enjoy camping in my RV and photography."

SARAH PACHTER

5402 E. Washington St #3010
Phoenix, AZ 85034-2145
Ph: 561-213-7150

Sarah was initiated into Sigma Chi Chapter at the University of Miami, in 2003. Her field of study: Music Education. Her performance area is voice.

She holds the Sword of Honor.

Quote: "I am a Master's Student at ASU in Nonprofit Management, and am currently an intern at the Phoenix Symphony, a *Musikgarten* teacher, the Junior Choir Director at Temple Chai and a former Miss America Pageant Competitor at local and state levels."

KATHERINE PALMER

1049 W. 2nd Street
Tempe, AZ 85281-2942
Ph: 772-349-1860

Katie was initiated into Sigma Chi Chapter at the University of Miami in 2004. Her field of study: Performance and her instrument of performance is Clarinet.

Quote: "I hold Bachelor of Music and Master of Music Degrees in Clarinet, with a minor in Anthropology. I'm currently working on my DMA in Clarinet Performance and MA in Ethnomusicology. I am also a *Musikgarten* teacher."

MOLLY PERRY

9750 N 96th St. #244
Scottsdale, AZ , 85258-5293
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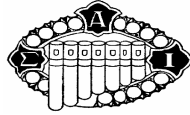
Molly was initiated into Delta Lambda Chapter at Fredonia University in New York, 2006. Her field of study: Music Therapy with a Psych Minor Her performance area is Voice.

She was honored twice by her local chapter

Quote: "I am working as a Music Therapist with children who are developmentally disabled. I am from NY state and am now hoping to earn my Master's Degree from ASU."



LET'S EXTEND A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SISTERS!



Phoenix Alumnae Chapter Awards for 2009-10

Dear Sisters,

It is time to be thinking about any awards that you feel should be presented to any of our members who have given outstanding service to the chapter this year. A list of qualifications is found below, along with a form at the bottom of the page. If you have any nominees for any of the awards, please fill in the form and tell us why you feel your nominee should be considered. Return it to either **Heather Hernandez** or **Tara McCaughey** for consideration **by February 13**. This is your opportunity to have some input with regard to Chapter Recognition. Read the qualifications very carefully and include as much information as you can about your nominee on the back of the form so that the committee will have the ability to make a sound choice. Please bear in mind that 'Member in Good Standing' not only means that they have met their financial obligations, but that they have also participated in chapter activities and have come to at least 2 meetings a year.

- **Sword of Honor** guard is given to that member who is a strong leader, fulfills all of the duties of office, is a member in good standing (**national dues paid except if emeritus member, local dues paid, attendance at least 2 meetings a year**), has made a special contribution to the chapter, and is a leader in the community.
- **Rose of Honor** (Rose guard with a ruby center) is given to that member in good standing (**national dues paid except if emeritus member, local dues paid, attendance at least 2 meetings a year**), who has given outstanding or extraordinary service in 3 fields—fraternity (beyond the local level), local chapter, and in the community, and who wears a Sword of Honor.
- **Rose of Dedication** (Rose guard with a pearl center, surrounded by a laurel wreath) is given to that member in good standing who has been a member for a minimum of 25 years and who exhibits outstanding or extraordinary service in 3 fields—the fraternity (beyond the local level), local chapter, and the community.
- **Alumnae Leadership Award** (Diamond Sword of Honor) is given to that member in good standing who has exhibited outstanding or extraordinary service in 3 fields—the fraternity (beyond the local level), the local chapter, and the community, and has fulfilled all the duties of office, holds life membership, has made a special contribution to the chapter and who wears the Sword of Honor.
- **Patroness Sword of Honor** (Sapphire Sword) is awarded to patroness members (with or without training). The requirements are the same as for our Sword of Honor.
- **Wreath of Achievement** is awarded after the Rose of Honor and before the Rose of Dedication. It is given for continued outstanding/extraordinary service to the fraternity (beyond the local level), local chapter, community and musical activities.
- **Rose of Constancy** is awarded after the Rose of Dedication. It is given for continued outstanding/extraordinary service, for a minimum of 35 years following college graduation, to the fraternity (beyond the local level), local chapter, community and musical activities.

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Please return this form to the Awards Committee by February 13, 2010

<u>Award</u>	<u>Name of Nominee</u>
Sword of Honor	_____
Rose of Honor	_____
Rose of Dedication	_____
Alumnae Leadership Award	_____
Patroness Sword of Honor	_____
Wreath of Achievement	_____
Rose of Constancy	_____

Please tell us why you are nominating this person for an award. Use an additional sheet for your remarks. Please make sure all qualifications have been met before submitting.

Please return this either to Heather Hernandez (22218 N. 32nd Ave., Phoenix, 85027-1624) or Tara McCaughey (3333 E. Javelina Ave., Mesa, 85204-7332) by February 13, 2010.

OMICRON OBSERVER

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Winter, 2009

Season's Greetings & Happy Holidays

Welcome to another issue of the Omicron Observer! I send this to chapter presidents and other SAI officers in hopes that they will share the Observer with their chapter members in whatever way they feel best—i.e. email fan outs, etc.

In one of the recent mailings from national, there was a letter from our National President, Liz Nordling concerning setting goals and her belief that by doing so we stay focused on the task at hand. To that end, I am announcing a theme for Omicron Province for the next three years as a goal to help strengthen our province and communication with one another. So the theme, "Fellowship of Sisterhood" is our motto for the next three years in hopes of attaining the goal of a stronger province in the long run. I encourage you to use this overall motto for your planning of activities and you may add any subtitle that you like.

DELTA ETA CHAPTER

Northern Arizona University

Congratulations to the Delta Eta sisters for initiating five new sisters on Sunday, December 6th. We welcome Amber Enriquez, Rachael Falls, Rebekha Feir, Kaci Shields and Liza Stegall as new members of Sigma Alpha Iota. These five new sisters promise to be a great asset to their chapter. The initiation ceremony was carried out in a dignified and solemn way, very well done. Ellie and husband Jo, Friend of the Arts, were able to attend. We came away with special feelings for the Delta Eta Chapter. Wonderful, wonderful!! Congratulations again!!

Delta Eta will be hosting our Omicron Province Day—here is another reminder of the dates for you to put on your calendar and plan to attend: February 5-7, 2010 in Flagstaff, AZ. Information on specifics is being circulated by each chapter.

PHOENIX ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Phoenix and the Greater Northwest Valley

Congratulations also to the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter for affiliating six new alumnae. Welcome to: Maureen Baker, Tara Cleveland, Evelyn Johnson, Sarah Pachter, Katherine Palmer and Molly Perry. The sisters of the Phoenix Chapter will be richer for their presence.

The Phoenix chapter has already been very active with their fall events and looking forward to 2010 with more affiliations and the initiation of a patroness with training. We can also report that Marilyn Daggett's surgery was successful and that Marilyn is recovering well. Continued good wishes to Marilyn from all of us!

TUCSON ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Tucson, Arizona

Our wonderful sisters of the Tucson Alumnae chapter have been busy with their fall events which include musicales and outreach projects. They had the privilege of being guests at a tea given for them by the new colony of students at the University of Arizona who are working toward re-activating the Alpha Beta chapter. We understand that the tea was wonderful, that good fellowship was established and the goodies served were the best!!

Omicron Observer (Cont'd)

We send special greetings to Pat Hardy and send good wishes for her husband's continued recovery.

All of the above named chapters have very busy event schedules already in place for the start of 2010 and through the rest of the year. We will look forward to success and good news from all. In the meantime, I wish you all a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ellie Tapscott

**PHOENIX ALUMNAE CHAPTER BYLAWS REVISIONS FOR
2009-10**

Please compare the suggested revisions underlined below to the information found in your personal copy of the Bylaws, located in the back of the Yearbook Directory (starting on Page 24). For explanations, please contact June Chartrand. This constitutes the FIRST READING.

Article II - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 3. Quorum Vote

All references to "Quorum" in this document shall be designated as a Simple Majority (50% +1) of the PAC'S membership in good standing.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Categories of Membership

- B.who have not completed the Fraternity's special membership training. They may be formally affiliated with the PAC, but may not be elected.....

Article IX - FINANCE

Section 1. Financial Obligations

- A.payable annually as of July 1.
(these subparagraphs added)

1. Patroness Without Education Assessment shall be 1/3 of the regular member dues, as stipulated by the Executive Board, which shall cover receipt of the Desert Rose.
2. Patroness With Education Assessment shall be that of the regular membership which will entitle her to receive the Desert Rose and Yearbook Directory.

- B.a reminder call or contact....not returned membership fees by June 1. As of October 1, those who.....

Section 2. Assessments

.....regular business meeting, with a quorum vote of members present.

Article XIII - AMENDMENT AND REVISION OF BYLAWS

Section 3.Alumnae Chapters, Regional Officer, Province.....

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THE 20TH OF THE MONTH!

*VITA BREVIS,
ARS LONGA*

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IMPORTANT TIME- SENSITIVE MATERIAL.
DO NOT DISCARD

CODETTA

Marilyn Daggett would like to extend her thanks to all of you who have kept her in your thoughts and prayers. Recovery has been slow (according to HER standards) and she is anxious to get back to her normal activities. Many thanks.

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Alert: We have some items left over from last year's Anniversary Celebration and from Phlea Phlam. Souvenir Mugs are \$8.00 each, Souvenir Pens are \$2.00 each, full aprons are \$10.00 each and the half aprons are \$6.00, jewelry pouches for Badge Buddy storage are \$1.00 each. We will try to have them to sell at each meeting or you can contact Marilyn Daggett (480-940-5199),

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My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose

O my Luve's like a red, red rose
That's newly sprung in June:
O my Luve's like the melodie
That's sweetly play'd in tune!

As fair thou art, my bonnie lass,
So deep in love am I:
And I will love thee still, my
dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry:

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt with the sun;
I will luve thee still my dear,
When the sands of life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only
Luve,
And fare thee weel a while!
And I will come again, my Luve,
Tho' it were ten thousand mile.

-Robert Burns
1759-1796

