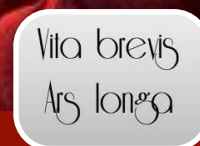




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## Message from our President

Welcome to the 2016-17 SAI Year! The Denver Alumnae Chapter will experience exciting activities, meaningful meetings, and inspiring musical events this year. Our theme for the year is Treasures, Traditions, and Opportunities, and our goals and this theme will guide us as we plan and participate. Your Executive Board is filled with energy and innovation, so accept the challenge and dive right into the new year with us.

I look forward to seeing you at our September 20 sing-a-long, pot luck dinner, and short business meeting. We'll be at Mary Hanson's home, and my husband Rick and I will provide beef, pulled pork, and shrimp po'boys, muffaletta sandwiches, and vegetarian jambalaya. Please bring vegetables, desserts, and any other casserole or side dish. Board members will bring beverages and breads.

In SAI,  
Janet Williams

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## Chapter Goals for 2016-2017

1. Increase membership through opportunities to reach out to qualified individuals in our geographic area while simultaneously nurturing an atmosphere of sisterhood, respect, and support within our chapter.
2. Actively support SAI Philanthropies, chapter fundraisers, and service projects.
3. Participate in musicales, musical events, music education, and other musical outreach of our chapter in the community.
4. Support the Sigma Upsilon chapter at the University of Denver and joint events of the chapters within the province.
5. Honor and respect our Ritual through sincerity of study and excellence in presentation.



## Chapter Theme for 2016-2017

### Sigma Alpha Iota—Treasures, Traditions, and Opportunities

Treasures of our sisterhood, our shared memories, and the joy of music...

Traditions to respect and honor our past while paving our pathway into the future...

Opportunities for service, outreach, growth, and advocacy for music and music education.

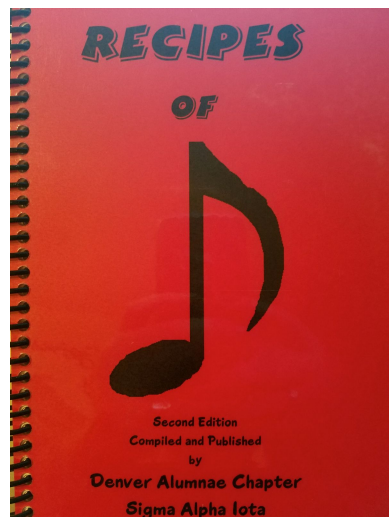


Vita brevis  
Ars longa

### An Update from Donna Chase

Donna fell and broke her wrist in late July and had surgery to put the little floating bone back in place and hold it there with a plate and screws. At last update, she was planning to begin practicing again within a few days because the wrist seemed to be rotating enough to make playing possible! Her thought was that a little Baroque music might be best to start with!

Donna, we hope that you're on the mend!



## Recipes of Note, 2nd Edition

From Martha Lobmeyer

Here is a chance to do your Christmas shopping early. Denver Alumnae's newly published cookbooks make wonderful gifts for all the cooks on your shopping list. The new edition includes all the recipes from the first edition plus many more, all submitted by Denver Alumnae cooks. Each book has 195 full color pages of mouthwatering recipes with a laminated cover and spiral binding. The \$15 price

you'll pay for each book will go toward scholarships for College SAIs and other worthy causes. Books will be available at SAI meetings or from Martha Ann Lobmeyer, phone: 303-988-8119, e-mail: mlbassoon@comcast.net or from Brenda Ohlschwager, phone: 303-838-0777, e-mail: Mrs.OsStudio@gmail.com. Checks should be made out to Sigma Alpha Iota. If you wish to have a book mailed to you, you must be prepared to pay an extra \$4.50 per book for packaging and postage.

*Here's a bunch of  
feel-better  
hugs!*



## Update from Sigma Upsilon

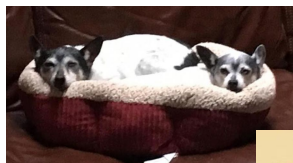
Sigma Upsilon is excited to collaborate with the Denver Alumnae Chapter more intentionally this year. Hosting us at the January meeting is something they are really looking forward to. Several of the chapter members are on the 2017 Xi C Province Weekend Committee and are looking forward to taking on more responsibility in the province.

Also, several of the members are abroad this Fall Quarter to London and New Zealand, to name a few places.

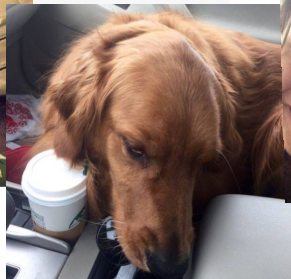
Sigma Upsilon is actively preparing for recruitment in the Winter and Spring quarters.

And for your quarterly dose of cuteness, check out some of the Sigma Upsilon ladies' furbabies!

L to R: Elizabeth Burn's dogs, Emily Costar's cat, Joanna Flemming's dog, Julie McCarthy's dog, Cassandra Lopez's dog, Mary Hannig's dog.



Resting cat face at its finest 🐾





# At the “Jewel Box” for the 34th Year!

## SAI at the Central City Opera

By Donita Banks



Nearly 20 Denver Alumnae Chapter members and guests gathered at the Central City Opera House on July 30 for a wonderful performance of Puccini’s “Tosca.” Set in 1800 Rome against the backdrop of the Napoleonic Wars, this operatic gem presented in a “jewel box” theater, centers on the diva, Floria Tosca, her lover Mario Cavaradossi, a painter, & the cruel police chief, Baron Scarpia.

Former young artists Alexandra Loutsion (Tosca) and Michael Mayes (Scarpia) created their roles for the first time. They, plus Jonathan Burton (Cavaradossi), were glorious, offering thrilling renditions of the familiar, beautiful music and convincing, intense portrayals of the three main characters. The new production of “Tosca” also provided an opportunity for CC Opera to use very effective scene projections to create a sense of time and place. This was the first time our SAI CC Opera Day featured a performance of “Tosca.”



Before the performance, after braving the awful I-70 traffic, several attendees gathered at the Ameristar Casino in Blackhawk for the fabulous Centennial Buffet. Following the performance, six of us lingered long enough in the courtyard to visit with Alexandra Loutsion and Johnathan Burton as they emerged in their street clothes and graciously posed for pictures.

Once again our thanks go to Dorothy Nelson for acting as chairman of this annual event. She would like to pass along that job to someone else after doing it for 34 years —any takers? CC Opera Day is a unique tradition that we hope will continue for many years to come.



Counterclockwise from top left: Evelyn McKenzie (friend of Donita), Donita Banks; Hank Hahne & Martha Lobmeyer; Dorothy Nelson, Ingrid DeRuiter, Joyce Fisher (friend of Dorothy); Sally Netzel, Dick Netzel, Dee Netzel; SAI group with Alexandra Loutsion, who portrayed Tosca—L to R—Ingrid DeRuiter, Dorothy Nelson, Wilma Parsons, Alexandra, Joyce Fisher, Alexandra Loutsion; Donita Banks, Evelyn McKenzie; Jonathan Burton, who portrayed Cavaradossi; Wilman Parsons



# May Meeting - Dueling Pianos

By Donita Banks



Our May 17 meeting at Classic Pianos recital hall on S. Broadway was the perfect setting for the program, "DUELING PIANOS." Brenda Ohlschwager arranged for the chapter to meet there and also selected the pieces to be performed from her large collection of Piano Duo and Quartet music. Brenda and Glenda Powell played six Piano Duos then were joined by Donita Banks and Linda Rolf for four piano quartet numbers. Their pieces offered an enjoyable and entertaining variety of styles. After enjoying tasty refreshments provided by Brenda, Kristin Rousom presided over her final meeting as chapter President. Dorothy Nelson installed four of our new officers for 2016-2017: Linda Rolf, Vice-President-Programs, Kristin Rousom, Vice-President-Ritual, Rachel Stone, Recording Secretary, and Brenda, Ohlschwager, Treasurer. President Kristin and V-P-Ritual Linda Rolf, assisted by Cassidy Boone, presided over the affiliation of Sabrina Green. Several guests were in attendance.

Counterclockwise from top left:



- \* New affiliate Sabrina Green
- \* Newly installed officers: Kristin Rousom, Brenda Ohlschwager, Rachel Stone, Linda Rolf
- \* Affiliation participants: Linda Rolf, Kristin Rousom, Sabrina Green, Cassidy Boone
- \* Sigma Upsilon members
- \* Mary Nichols and Kristin Rousom
- \* Performers: Linda Rolf, Glenda Powell, Donita Banks, Brenda Ohlschwager



So near  
So dear  
Is SAI  
♡



*She's a rose,  
She's a pearl,  
She's an SAI  
girl.*



# June Meeting - SAI's Got Talent

By Donita Banks



It was a pleasure to gather in the new Rockley Family Foundation Recital Hall on west Colfax in Lakewood for our June 18 meeting. Not only was Liane Rockley our gracious hostess but she performed on the eclectic program, "SAI'S GOT TALENT." Liane played "Sonatine" by Eldin Burton and "Ashokan Farewell" by Jay Unger. She was accompanied by her mother, Phyllis Pieffer. Also performing were flutist Sarah Bencomo, sharing The Pied Piper suite by Gordon Jacob, pianist Dee Netzel, who played "Take Five" by Paul Desmond and 3 "Preludes for Piano" by Gershwin, and pianist Danielle Snyder who played 2 Rachmaninoff preludes. All performed beautifully for a very entertaining program.



We then moved to the nearby Lakewood Nazarene Church for our meeting and potluck luncheon. New President Janet Williams was installed and presided over the meeting. Other officers installed were Nikki Frontz, Vice-President-Membership, and Clarissa Constantine, Editor. The Founders' Day Ceremony was held. Honors committee members Janet Williams, Cindy Garrels and Dorothy Nelson then presented the awards to the following members: Ardice Garrels—Rose of Constancy; Linda Rolf, Rose of Honor; Ardice Garrels—66-year membership certificate; Donita Banks—60-year membership certificate; Martha Lobmeyer—Certificate of Recognition; and Rachel Stone, Certificate of Recognition. Janet passed out copies of the proposed meeting/activity schedule for 2016-2017. Linda Rolf appealed to members to sign up as performers, hostesses and/or co-hostesses for next year. All present then engaged in lively conversation as they enjoyed a delicious potluck luncheon.



Counterclockwise from top left: Linda Rolf receiving Rose of Honor with President Janet Williams; Founders' Day Ceremony participants Sabrina Green, Danni Snyder, Cindy Garrels, Sarah Bencomo; Certificate of Recognition recipients Rachel Stone and Martha Lobmeyer; Performers Sarah Bencomo, Danielle Snyder, Liane Rockley, Phyllis Pieffer (Liane's Mother), Delorus Netzel; Founders' Day Ceremony participants Mary Hanson, Linda Rolf, Martha Lobmeyer; Ardice Garrels receiving the Rose of Constancy with President Janet Williams; Newly Installed Officers Nikki Frontz and Clarissa Constantine with President Janet Williams; 60-Year Member Donita Banks & 66-Year Member Ardice Garrels; Performer Danielle Snyder



# Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

## DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER EVENTS

Tue., Sept. 20 @ 6PM	Informal Chapter Meeting & Pot-luck @ Mary Hanson's
Tue., Oct. 18 @ 7PM	Formal Chapter Meeting @ Janet Williams'
Sun., Nov. 20 @ 2:30PM	Short Meeting/Group Singing @ Dee Netzel's
Sun., Nov. 20 @ 4PM	Sip & Paint Outreach/Fundraiser Activity
Sat., Dec. 3 @ 11:30AM	Incorporation Day Luncheon (Location TBD)

## Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter Installation!

We have the opportunity to welcome a brand new Alumnae Chapter to our Province! Please consider attending their installation at 9:30AM on Saturday, September 24. The installation ceremony will take place at 21C Library, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80920, and will be attended by National Vice President, Finance, Jennifer Zerangue Mistretta.

Please RSVP via this website:

<http://saicoloradosprings.app.rsvpify.com/>

Questions?

Email Colony President Colleen Christiansen  
[saioboepedge@yahoo.com](mailto:saioboepedge@yahoo.com)



*Xi C Province Weekend 2017*  
Hosted by Denver Alumnae and Sigma Upsilon chapters



**Save the date! March 3-5, 2017, Denver, CO**  
Join SAI sisters in a weekend of fun events—MITs welcome!  
With a special appearance by Ruth Sieber Johnson, SAI Executive Director!  
More details to come at [saidenver.org/xic2017](http://saidenver.org/xic2017)

Start planning NOW for Province Weekend!!!  
Details are still in the works, of course, but block out your calendars for a weekend of music, sisterhood, laughter, and fun. Our VIP guest will be none other than our National Executive Director Ruth Sieber Johnson!

WAHOO!!!! We have a National Convention coming our way!!! Our current and former Province Officers and Regional Officers have been pleading our case to our National Executive Board that we need a Convention out here toward the west end of the country. Our National Executive Board responded, and now it's up to us to *represent!!!!* Please mark your calendars now and start putting away your pennies. We'll be staying at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, which even has water slides and a lazy river! So yeah, it'll be hot, but how COOL will be it be to have maximum Region 1 attendance! I can't wait! (Who's excited?!?!?!?)





# From the Editor

Hello from the laptop of your newly-elected Editor! I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve our chapter and our fraternity. I know that each Editor has a slightly different approach to communicating information, and I am always open to your requests. If there's something in particular that you would like to see in our quarterly newsletter, please don't hesitate to reach out! You can reach me directly by phone/text at 858-997-9259 or by email at [ClarissaConstantine@gmail.com](mailto:ClarissaConstantine@gmail.com).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as our Editor! Special thanks to all the ladies who contributed, especially Donita Banks!

Love and Roses,  
Clarissa

Cool SAI cake, huh? It was baked & decorated by Shannon McInnis, a member of the San Diego Alumnae Chapter. She & I met when we were both members of the Boston Alumnae Chapter, over a decade ago! We became fast friends, and my husband and I had the honor of having both Shannon and her husband in our wedding party! She's just one reason I'm so thankful that life in SAI continues after college!



## Happy Birthday!!!

Dr. JoAnne Kyhl 9/2  
Marcia Whitcomb 9/6  
Lois Badgley 9/29  
Nikki Frontz 10/12  
Delorus Netzel 10/14  
Cheryl Denslow 10/28  
Dr. Janet Williams 11/11  
Kelly Sowell 11/26  
Brenda Ohlschwager 11/28

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Vita Brevis, Ars Longa

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## New Website!

Next time you see Sabrina Green, give her a monstrous THANK YOU! She brought a proposal to our chapter toward the end of last year - before she was even officially an affiliate of our chapter! - about ways to update our online presence. Please take a few moments to visit [saidenver.org](http://saidenver.org) to see our new digital identity!