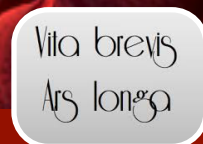




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Hello, Sisters!

What a great 2016-17 SAI Year we have begun with our September dinner, October affiliation, November sisterhood activity at Sipping and Painting, Incorporation Day luncheon, service activities, and planning for all that is still to come! Now that 2017 is a reality, we can cheer in the New Year and continue our work and fun together to meet our goals and carry out our musical mission. Your Executive Board members are anxious to hear from you if you have ideas or need our help in any way. Happy 2017!

Roses,
Janet Williams
Chapter President

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.

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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.



Central City Opera

Dorothy Nelson, Opera Chairman

Many thanks from myself to Donita Bank for her fine Central City Opera article in our last newsletter. After reading it, there isn't much more to be said. We had a wonderful time, enjoyed our buffet meal and getting together, and marveled at the horrible traffic that kept us going 20 miles an hour, all the way to Central City. And, I hear that Sunday traffic is no better.



Personally, I felt that this year's opera was exceptionally good, and the three lead singers were absolutely marvelous - both separately and together. I'm always happy when they throw in some scenery, which is no longer the norm. Costumes, too. It had it all. It was a memorable afternoon.

Unfortunately, not all of us still have the strength and stamina to attend a Central City Opera, which is a great loss for that person. My wish is that some rookies would venture out to join us hardcores. The discounted ticket prices are quite reasonable, and if you don't mind walking, you can park for free or park next to the opera house for a low price. This would be a good way for some of us to discover the wonders of opera. (You can always stop at Beau Jo's Pizza on the way home.) We do need a few more people to make our number right and to continue getting our discounted prices. So, think about it next summer. I know that you will not regret it.

Dorothy

Update from Sigma Upsilon



The ladies of Sigma Upsilon are hard at work with the Province Weekend committee to plan an EXCITING weekend of sisterhood for all members of Xi C Province.

Please register as soon as possible:

<https://saidenver.org/xic2017>



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Chapter Chatter

Updates from our members!

From Mary Nichols

After recently retiring from the Parker Symphony, I am continuing to play solo clarinet with the Lone Tree Symphony. The orchestra's first concert on September 30 was titled Literary Magic, which included music based on famous works of literature. The concert was in honor of the new Lone Tree Library located across the street from the Lone Tree Arts Center. The rest of our concert season is as follows:

1. The Nutcracker & More, Dec. 2 at 7:30 PM, Dec. 3 at 2:00 PM, LTAC
2. Children & Family, Feb. 18 at 2:30, venue TBA
3. Masterworks Concert, March 24 at 7:30 PM, LTAC
4. Dance, May 19, 7:30 PM, LTAC

For more information, please go to lonetreesymphony.org or to our facebook page.

On October 18, Dee Netzel and I performed for the Highlands Ranch Colorado Symphony Guild. The program was titled Famous Transcriptions, all clarinet and piano arrangements of famous selections not written for our instrumentation. This is one way Dee and I participate in our SAI Outreach Project.



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

On a trip to the east coast for a family wedding over the holidays, **Clarissa Constantine** had the opportunity to connect with two alumnae along the way! National Vice President of Ritual, Tracey Wythal Withrow, generously offered a warm place to stay. Her pup, Maxima May - a 110-pound ball of fun - LOVE

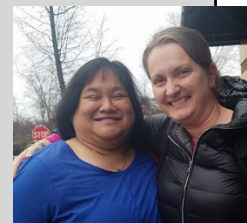


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Clarissa's husband and, Joe!



Clarissa was also lucky enough to connect with Joyce

Garcia, former National Vice President of Fraternity Development. Clarissa and her dad joined Joyce for a yummy lunch of Mexican food. It brightened up an otherwise very dreary southern Virginia day!



Martha Lobmeyer has two new great granddaughters who were supposed to be born a few days apart at the end of August. However, Elliana Rose Isabella Fierro decided she couldn't wait that long, so was born on the 16th of August. Her mother is Martha's granddaughtear, Renée. Renée's husband, Cruz, and Martha's grandson, David Allen Holman are both stationed at the same army base in North Carolina. Since men in the military cannot be relied upon to be available at any given time, the plan was if Cruz was not available to drive Renée to the birthing center when the time came, she would call David. His wife, Jodie would then drive Renée to the birthing center while David took care of his and Jodie's three kids as well as Renée's and Cruz's one. As it turned out, neither man was available, so they loaded all four kids into the car (in the middle of the night, of course) and took off. However, Elliana was in such a hurry to be born, that Jodie wound up having to deliver her on the side of the road. Lillian Zipporah Fierro didn't cause quite as much excitement, but her birth on August 31st wasn't entirely without drama. She turned out to be breech, so her mother, Martha's Granddaughter Rebekah, had to be transported from the birthing center to the hospital for a C-section. Rebekah is Renée's sister and is married to Cruz's brother, Sal, so the babies are double first cousins. Both babies and mothers are doing well. Meanwhile, Martha's Grandson Jonathan Holman, David Allen's brother got married on August 17. On Halloween, Granddaughter Angela (Renée and Rebekah's sister) and her husband Marco Mayorquin, whose wedding Martha attended in March, announced they are expecting Ezra Wayne next March. So, when Martha goes to Grandson David Sean's (brother to Angela, Renée and Rebekah) wedding next summer, she'll have three new great grandbabies to meet for the first time. That makes 12 great grandchildren for her.



Less exciting than the above is that Martha played a concert with the Denver Concert Band on September 17 and one on November 19. On November 12, she played a Veteran's Day concert with the Golden Eagle Band.

Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter Installation

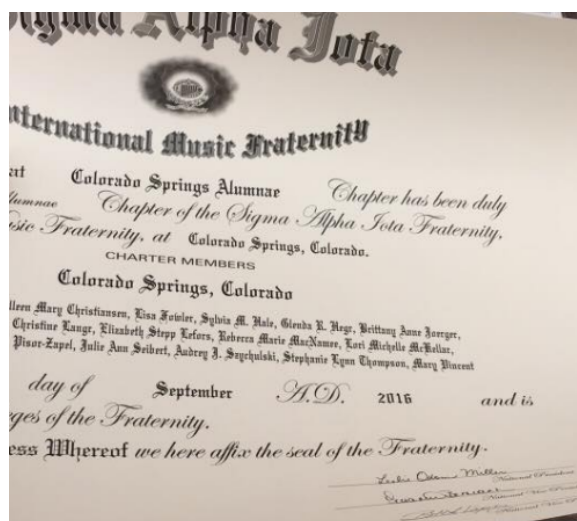


Congratulations to the Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter!!!!

Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter was installed on October 25, 2016, after months of crossing i's and dotting t's to make sure everything was in order!

National Vice President, Finance, Jennifer Zerangue Mistretta, was in attendance to install the chapter. Also in attendance was Regional Officer, Anne Kleve.

Please welcome our newest alumnae chapter in Xi C province! You can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1613644042215871/>



A NEW BEGINNING—SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING

By Donita Banks

Members and guests gathered at the home of Mary Hanson on September 20 for a wonderful potluck dinner, an SAI Sing-along and an informal meeting which outlined exciting plans for the year 2016-2017. The board provided drinks, rolls and several delicious main dishes prepared by chef Rick Williams: po'boy shrimp, pulled pork sandwiches, muffaletta sandwiches and vegetarian jambalaya. (Please see separate article on Rick, who passed away just four days after the meeting.) Members contributed salads, vegetables and desserts to the scrumptious meal which provided an excellent opportunity to reconnect with SAI sisters and friends, indoors and at tables set up outside.

Linda Rolf and Donita Banks led us in singing SAI songs—favorites included “Pan in Canon” and “Weave.” President Janet Williams (and chairman of the Honors Committee) presented the Rose of Dedication to Rita Jo Tensly. Treasurer Brenda Ohlschwager presented the budget for the coming year; it was approved by a vote of the chapter. Kristin Rousom, Vice-President, Ritual, read the fraternity’s purpose, mission statement and vision which appears on p. 3 of the yearbook. Janet reminded us of our chapter theme and goals for 2016-2017 which appeared in Staff Signals and on p. 12 of the yearbook. She thanked members who let her know that they would attend the meeting. One of those names was drawn and the winner was JoAnne Kyhl, who received a gift bag of goodies. Janet also presented a gift to our gracious hostess, Mary Hanson.

Ardice Garrels fell in July and broke her arm and hurt her hip. That made her realize that it was time to pass on her chapter archive materials to another member and resign from the archives committee. Mary Hanson generously agreed to take those items, which include scrapbooks from 1930-1970, a statue of Pan (a gift from Lela Putney) and other items, and replace Ardice on the committee.

We enjoyed seeing “Pan” in Mary’s backyard garden and had a chance to peruse the early scrapbooks after the meeting. Donita Banks has the more recent chapter scrapbooks and other memorabilia in her “SAI” closet.

This summer Ardice and Cindy Garrels also put together a beautiful scrapbook of articles and information about the life of Florence Lamont Hinman, who with her husband, Leroy R. Hinman, founded the Lamont School of Music in 1924. It became part of the University of Denver in 1941 with Mrs. Hinman as its first Director, a post she held for 12 years. She was a charter member of Sigma Upsilon Chapter of SAI, installed on September 30, 1926 at the Lamont School. After a distinguished musical career that spanned nearly 60 years, Florence Lamont Hinman passed away on October 3, 1964. Plans are for the scrapbook to be presented to Lamont School of Music for their history room.



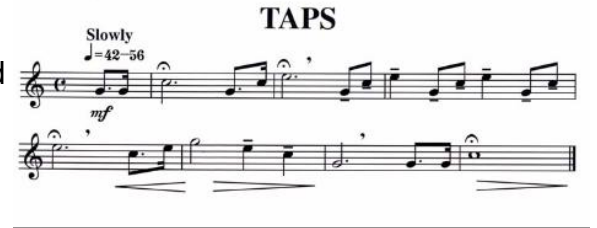
Nikki Frontz, Vice-President Membership and Fundraising Chairman, presented details on the Sip and Paint fun/fundraising event to be held as part of our November 20 meeting. Nikki is also reviving the Sister of the Month Program. As Chairman of the Province Day committee, Nikki outlined the plans that are in place for that weekend, March 3-5, 2017, on the DU campus. Our chapter and Sigma Upsilon will co-host that event. She announced that affiliation will be held at the October 18th meeting.

Kristin Rousom distributed the yearbook for 2016-2017. Corrections will appear in the November newsletter so asked members to inform her of any mistakes they notice.

A FITTING TRIBUTE—OCTOBER 18 MEETING

By Donita Banks

Our October 18 meeting at the home of Janet Williams opened with a fitting and touching tribute in loving memory of Richard Williams—the playing of TAPS by Kristin Rousom, bugler. Kristin then presented a very interesting program: A Brief History of TAPS and Bugles Across America. It included a video: TAPS The Bugler's Cry—The Origin of Sounding TAPS with Jeri Villanueva, Bugler and Brass Historian. Bugles Across America, to which Kristin belongs, provides live buglers who play TAPS at Veterans' funerals upon request all across the country. Kristin joins other buglers who play TAPS for the Memorial Day Service at Ft. Logan each year. The buglers stand in a circle surrounding the mourners as they play to honor Veterans on that special day. She also provided us with the lyrics, 5 verses long, written by Horace Lorenzo Trim, to accompany the music of TAPS.



Following a fellowship time with delicious refreshments provided by Janet and co-hostess Brenda Ohlschwager, an affiliation ceremony was held for Krista Aliga, Anna Maria Manalo and Marion Talley. Participating in the ceremony were Janet Williams, Kristin Rousom, Linda Rolf, Brenda Ohlschwager and Donita Banks. Nikki Frontz provided details about the Sip and Paint fun/fundraising activity that will follow our meeting on November 18 and passed a sign-up sheet. V-P Programs Linda Rolf announced that the Incorporation Day Luncheon will be held on December 3 at 11:30 at White Fence Farm, 6263 W. Jewell Ave., Lakewood. A group picture was taken for the annual Christmas card that Martha Lobmeyer creates and sends from our chapter to National and Regional Officers and the other chapters in XI C Province. It is a small fundraiser to support chapter service projects.

MEET OUR NEW AFFILIATES

By Donita Banks

KRISTA ALIGA—Krista moved to Denver in June, was initiated into Theta Epsilon Chapter at the University of Iowa in Des Moines, was a member of the Des Moines Alumnae Chapter and is a pianist. Her Rose Sister is Brenda Ohlschwager.

ANNA MARIA MANALO—Anna moved to Denver this fall, was initiated into Rho Chapter at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and is a pianist. Her Rose Sister is Donita Banks.

MARION TALLEY—Marion was initiated into Sigma Alpha Chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University, was a member of the La Grange, Illinois, Alumnae Chapter, is a 50-year SAI member and is a pianist/organist. Her Rose Sister is Sarah Bencomo.

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beautifies the
simplest
deeds*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Richard Anthony Williams (1945-2016)

By Donita Banks

Richard Anthony Williams, husband of Janet Williams and friend of SAI, died suddenly of a pulmonary embolism at their New Orleans home on September 24, 2016. Commander Williams USN (retired) was interred on September 28 in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Metairie, Louisiana, where he found his final resting place as a veteran in the Garden of Honor. He was 71.

Rick (as we affectionately knew him) was born in North Carolina and raised in North Little Rock, Arkansas. A graduate of the University of Mississippi, he was a public school science and band teacher for over 25 years in Florida. He continued his education at Rollins College and was a doctoral candidate at the University of Central Florida. A dedicated believer in public service, Rick was a member, president and served as a lieutenant governor of Kiwanis International. In 2000, he and Janet moved to New Orleans where they opened a music recording studio. Rick loved to cook and spend time with his grandchildren. He especially loved Mardi Gras where he and Janet served as King and Queen of the Krewe of Iris in 2007, participating in those carnival events as part of the recovery efforts in the city following the devastation of hurricane Katrina. Rick and Janet had relocated to the Denver area in 2006. Rick was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch.

Rick is survived by his wife of 48 years, Janet Deare Williams, son James, daughter Kimberly, two grandchildren and two sisters. Memorial contributions may be made to Kiwanis International Foundation, Children's Hospital CO Foundation or SAI Philanthropies.



A TASTE OF NEW ORLEANS

A Tribute to Chef Rick Williams

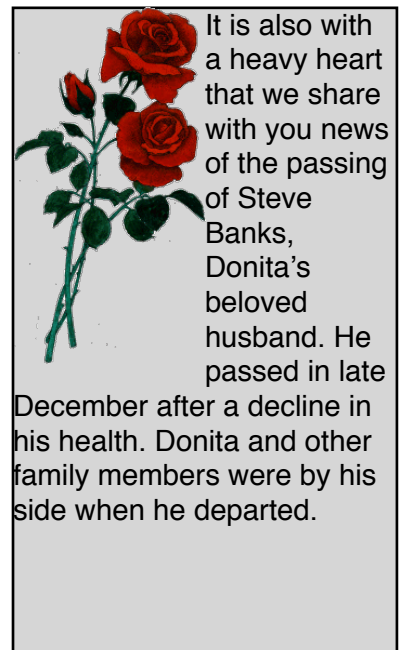
By Donita Banks

During his ten years in Denver, Chef Rick Williams contributed to our enjoyment of New Orleans cuisine and culture in numerous ways. Our first "taste" of these delights was our February 21, 2010, meeting at Rick and Janet's home, where they performed show tunes that were part of their reign as King and Queen of Iris for Mardi Gras in 2007. They wore their handmade crowns covered with Austrian crystals, carried their golden scepters and shared interesting highlights of the Mardi Gras carnival events. As When the Saints Go Marching In was sung and played, Rick and Janet distributed strings of beads and led the "parade" to the refreshment area, where all enjoyed Rick's wonderful Cajun treats and a "King Cake" directly from New Orleans.

In July, 2012, the Williamses opened a charming Cajun eatery, The Clubhaus, located in a lavender, two-story historic building in Morrison, Colorado. Chef Rick prepared delicious cuisine including jambalaya, gumbo, etouffe and chocolate bourbon pecan pie. Janet was our President at the time and Rick often prepared special meals or refreshments for her Board meetings held there. Several other Denver Alumnae members enjoyed lunch at the Clubhaus during the year and a half it was in operation. Mardi Gras photos and costumes adorned the walls.

"Let the Red Roses Roll"—celebrating New Orleans Traditions of Music, Jazz and Food!—was the theme of Province Day on January 19, 2013, held in Lakewood. Chef Rick prepared the tasty sampling of Cajun foods for the luncheon—jambalaya, gumbo, salad, cornbread and three wonderful King Cakes. Decorations and handouts included beads, masks, coins, umbrellas and banners in gold, green and purple. After lunch attendees had an opportunity to decorate their own Mardi Gras mask with paint, sequins, beads, ribbon and feathers. It was a memorable event!

Rick's legacy will live on through several of his recipes which are included in our chapter's "Recipes of Note" cookbook—New Orleans-Style Muffaletta, Cajun Vegetarian Jambalaya, Creole Shrimp with Cheese Grits and Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie. Thank you, Rick, for enriching our lives in so many ways! We will miss you!



It is also with a heavy heart that we share with you news of the passing of Steve Banks, Donita's beloved husband. He passed in late

December after a decline in his health. Donita and other family members were by his side when he departed.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER EVENTS

Sun., Jan 15 @ 1PM	Executive Board Meeting
Sun., Jan 15 @ 2:30PM	January Chapter Meeting (pay attention to email for location)
Sun., Feb 19 @ 1PM	Executive Board Meeting
Sun., Feb 19 @ 2:30PM	February Chapter Meeting (home of Donita Banks)
Fri., Mar 3-Sun., Mar 5	Province Weekend! (DU Campus)



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, Sisters!

I hope 2017 is off to a fabulous, healthy start for all of you! The holidays are always a hectic time, and often quite stressful, so I hope that the dust has settled and you're looking forward to this new year with excitement - I know I am!

Our chapter has some exciting events coming up this spring, including PROVINCE DAY!!! Please be sure to mark your calendars for the first weekend of March! We look forward to welcoming Ruth Sieber Johnson as our VIP guest. If you've never met her, I promise you'll love her. Don't miss the chance!

Please remember to email me with anything you'd like included in a future newsletter: clarissaconstantine@gmail.com.

Love and Roses,
Clarissa

Happy Birthday



Martha Lobmeyer—12/4
Kristin Rousom—12/28
Ardice Garrels—1/4
Sarah Bencomo—1/21
Linda Rolf—1/29
Donna Chase—2/7
Danni Snyder—2/8

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