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# Staff Signals

*Denver Alumnae Chapter  
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From your 2016-17 President:

What a wonderful year our chapter has experienced! I am thrilled with our progress, our service, our participation, and our amazing care for each other. You have truly carried out our theme of Sigma Alpha Iota -- Treasures, Traditions, and Opportunities.

I am honored to have been your President, and I take with me the memories of our work and fun together as I make a move to Florida this month. Your kind cards, flowers, and expressions of encouragement have given me support during some difficult times this year, and I will always remember each of you fondly and with love in SAI.

Roses,  
Janet Williams

## 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.

# Meet Your 2017-2018 Executive Board!



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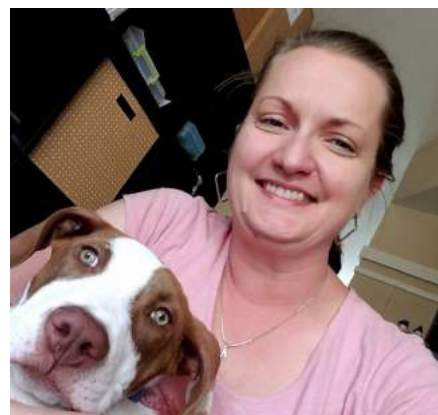
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## Message from our Newly Elected President

Members of the Denver Alumnae Chapter,

I am beyond humbled to be your newly elected president! The first week of being elected president started with me at the hospital with our current president until 12:30am, constant phone and email contact with several newly elected eboard members, scheduling several SAI meetings this summer, and approval of my resignation from the Sigma Upsilon Advisory Committee. This week was extremely intense and I love being able to be a support to our members. That is why I said yes to being president. I come from humble beginnings and I am a very spiritual person. I value many things but relationships are always first to me. Being relational and connected is going to be a big thing I will relentlessly push for this year. Sisterhood, sisterhood, SISTERHOOD!!!

Lets Get to Work!

In SAI,  
Nikki Frontz

## Update from Sigma Upsilon

The sisters abroad are back! Sigma Upsilon immediately went into recruitment the first week of school Winter Quarter and the Spring Quarter. They enjoyed their winter break and are now ready to share their love for music and sisterhood. Sigma Upsilon performed at the New Century Hospice Annual Memorial Service Fall Quarter and raised \$50 for SAI Philanthropies.

Sigma Upsilon has a fantastic new website. <http://sigmaupsilon.weebly.com/>.

Upcoming Dates:

May 29 at 5pm at Lamont School of Music Room 100: Initiation/ Senior Commitment/ Sword of Honor

June 2 at 12:30pm at Lamont School of Music Gates Hall:

Honors Convocation: Presentation of Scrapbook commemorating a portion of Florence Lamont Hinman's life and the beginning of the Lamont School of Music.

June 4 at 7:30pm at University of Denver:

Sigma Upsilon SAI Rose Ball: Contact Sigma Upsilon at [sai.sigmaupsilon@gmail.com](mailto:sai.sigmaupsilon@gmail.com) for tickets and details. Must have a ticket to enter.



Left to right: Raphaelle Siemers, Victoria Minton, and Athena Wilkinson



Left to right: Lizzie Burns & Alexa Posner, Athena Wilkinson & Madeline Bucholz, Miranda Teske & Anjanette Fredricks (no longer an MIT), Raphaelle Siemers & Valeria de Luna-Kent



# MAY SISTER OF THE MONTH



## Anna Maria Amador Manalo

Anna Maria is the co-founder of a professional chamber orchestra in New York City and has served in a variety of musical endeavors as a violinist, pianist, teacher of special needs adults & children, church music director and orchestral member (from the age of 12). On May 20, Anna Maria performed as principal second violinist with the Millennium Chamber Symphony, which she helped co-found in the late 1990s and which was reorganized for that special concert of American music in a Lincoln Center auditorium in honor of White House concerts performed during the Kennedy years from 1961-1963.

Here's more that you should know about this talented SAI musician:

**BEGINNINGS:** My parents emigrated from the Philippines as newly-weds to attend college in St. Louis, where I was born; my father became a doctor and my mother, a teacher; "Amador" is my mother's maiden name and my parents called me "Pumpkin"; I grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, with two sisters; at age 3 my Mom gave me a toy piano which I loved; that sparked my interest in music and instruments: I began piano lessons at age 7 and violin lessons at age 9.

**EDUCATIONAL/MUSICAL BACKGROUND:** I earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, studied composition at the Manhattan School of Music and earned a Master's degree from Hunter College; I was a church music director in Brooklyn for nine years, taught music students in Harlem, played in orchestras and performed throughout the NYC area; I have been a freelance musician, composer and teacher of special needs students in several cities.

**FAMILY:** I met my husband, Stefan Pukatzki, in NYC and married him in 2000; Stefan is a prominent microbiologist who emigrated from Germany and studied at the University of Maryland and later at Harvard University and the University of Chicago; we left NYC in 2000, lived in Boston and Edmonton, Alberta, and Chicago briefly before moving to Denver last fall.

**CURRENT INTERESTS:** I'm teaching special needs pre-schoolers at the Maestro Music Institute in Arvada, playing duets with Donita Banks and doing accompanying; I enjoy reading, building robots (really!), traveling, movies and learning about Colorado history.

**SAI BACKGROUND:** I was initiated into Rho Chapter at the University of Wisconsin and a member of Madison Alumnae Chapter for one year; I am honored and excited about being a part of Denver Alumnae Chapter as a performer and new secretary for 2017-18; my favorite parts of SAI membership are our sisterhood ties and serving others through music.

# JUNE SISTER OF THE MONTH

## Danielle (Danni) Elizabeth Snyder

By Donita Banks

Danielle (Danni) Snyder and I just enjoyed a “Rose Sister” lunch at the Duffeyroll Café on S. Pearl Street (May 18), sharing news about our lives during the past several months. Dee Netzel and I attended the “Spring with the Colorado Children’s Chorale” at Boettcher Concert Hall on April 22 for which Danni was the pianist for all of the choirs performing that day. Her fabulous accompaniments, including playing for a world premiere song, “Be Brave” by Kevin Padworski, had us bursting with pride.

Here’s more about our talented “Sister of the Month”:

**BEGINNINGS:** I grew up in Dayton, Ohio, in a family that included my parents, an older brother and a younger sister; my parents still live there and I see them as often as possible; from the time I was little, I loved to pretend playing the piano that lived in my house; at age 4, I started asking my mom for lessons and we found the only place in town that would start teaching a four-year-old.

**EDUCATIONAL/MUSICAL BACKGROUND:** I earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from the Lamont School of Music at the University of Denver, in 2014; my most amazing collegiate experience was my semester abroad during my junior year in Vienna, Austria, where I studied at the IES Vienna Institute; I currently hold these positions—Staff Pianist and Music Librarian for the Colorado Children’s Chorale, accompanist and handbell choir director at Calvary Baptist Church, Denver, and accompanist for the Colorado Symphony Chorus; I also have four private piano students.

**SPECIAL MUSICAL ADVENTURES:** In the summer of 2016 I traveled to Europe with the CCC Festival Singers for concerts with the Colorado Symphony Chorus in Paris, Strasbourg and Munich; my most memorable moment was visiting Eglise de la Madeleine where Gabriel Faure was organist and led the premiere of his beloved *Requiem* in 1893; this spring I flew for 15 hours to Australia to accompany the CCC Tour Choir in two weeks of concerts in Melbourne, Bairnsdale, Canberra and Sydney; I especially loved Canberra, the capital city, and the concert we performed in a small town named Buchan for our best audience in an unassuming but awesome community hall; we also toured some beautiful caves near the town.

**FAMILY/SUMMER PLANS:** My boyfriend of two years, Taylor, and my wonderful rescue dog, Vincent, a 6-year-old husky/shepherd mix; if I were an animal, I’d be a dog, and hope I could be as unconditionally loving as Vincent is; my summer plans include playing at schools and other venues where CCC has partnerships.

**SAI BACKGROUND:** I was initiated into Sigma Upsilon Chapter at DU in 2012 and served as V-P Programs my senior year; I affiliated with Denver Alumnae Chapter fall, 2014; I presented the program at our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in March, 2015, and performed on the musicale in June, 2016; my favorite parts of being an SAI—our philanthropic work, our sisterhood ties, being a Rose Sister and the sing-alongs!



### From Mary Stromer Hanson

Two Denver SAI Alumnae members, Mary Hanson and Marcia Whitcomb, will participate in the following concert and European tour. Colorado Luther Chorale will present a concert on Sunday, May 21, 2017, 3:00 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave. before the ensemble begins their Europe tour, "In the Footsteps of Martin Luther". The tour will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the choir will perform concerts and recitals in sites important to that event, begun by Martin Luther on October 31, 1517.

Music performed will include American music such as Wondrous Love, All My Hope, Ride on King Jesus, as well as Ubi Caritas by Ola Gjeilo and Wana Baraka by Shawn Kirchner, and a composition written by Adam Waite, Minister of Music at Montview Presbyterian Church, Dona Nobis Pacem.

The concert will also include an acknowledgment to the reformer who himself was a prolific hymnodist, Martin Luther, with the performance of A Mighty Fortress is Our God, one of his best known hymns.

Colorado Luther Chorale is a choir made up of members of the church choirs of Bethany Lutheran Church directed by Dr. James Kim, Wellshire Presbyterian Church directed by Dr. Michael Pohlenz, and Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church directed by Adam Waite. There is no charge for the concert, but a free will offering will be taken to help with costs of the concert and the tour. Please call [303.980.9184](tel:303.980.9184) for more information.

\* Apologies that the publication schedule did not allow for this to be advertised in advance! We hope it was a fantastic performance!

### Thank You to Outgoing President Janet Williams

At our May meeting, Janet announced that she plans to relocate to Florida to be closer to her family. Janet, we thank you for being a vital part of our chapter for many years and we wish you the best in the land of the sun!



"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive, and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style." ~Maya Angelou

Vita brevis  
Ars longa

## Janet D. Williams • Walden University

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*2016 award winner*

As published on OCT 13, 2016 on [www.womenworthwatching.com/janet-d-williams/](http://www.womenworthwatching.com/janet-d-williams/)

## Transforming the World through Higher Education

As a dean of a leading online university, Dr. Janet Williams is committed to educating working professionals looking to transform the world.

At Walden University's Richard W. Riley College of Education and Leadership, Williams heads a 21st century learning community seeking to affect positive social change. Walden has more than 100,000 alumni from 150 countries.

She oversees the School of Education and Professional Licensure. Her role includes program, personnel, and policy development and evaluation, as well as budgeting and long-term planning for student success. Under her leadership, Walden launched the nation's first online competency-based master's program in early childhood studies using a direct assessment model.

As dean, Williams is accountable for outreach to districts, schools, and state departments of education. Her enthusiasm has broadened with the development of a unique three-tiered partnership model to enhance relationships for students during their field experiences. She said her passion in education ignited when she "realized the positive influence education has on helping others achieve their goals and the impact of those actions for social change in our world." As a woman leader in the educational sector, she identifies the "desire to make a difference" as a key component of leadership. "Women can and should empower each other through collaboration across allied fields," she said.

Prior to her tenure at Walden, Williams served as associate dean at the University of New Orleans and director for teacher licensure and assessment for the Louisiana Department of Education, before relocating following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Williams is an active member of several professional groups, including (continued on Page 7)





# CHAPTER CHATTER

## Updates from Our Members



the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, International Society for Technology in Education, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, American Educational Research Association, a local chapter of Kiwanis International, and several charities for scholarship programs and hospitals. She has also served as a national evaluator for the U.S. Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement for leadership and alternate certification programs.

Among her many accolades, Williams has been recognized as a Florida regional teacher of the year, district mathematics teacher of the year, and member of a team recognized as innovators of the year by New Orleans City Business for opening the first university-managed charter school in the city.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi, a master's in education from Rollins College, and a doctorate of education from the University of Central Florida.

Music  
beautifies the  
simplest  
deeds

Denver Alumnae Chapter member Clarissa Constantine has recently started teaching Music Together Classes in Castle Rock. Music Together is a *phenomenal* early music education program for children ages 0-5 - yes, she even has a 14-week old little boy in one of her classes!

Clarissa is thrilled to be sharing music with little ones and their families and would love to do so in preschool and daycare environments, too. If you know any local day care centers that would like to have a music program, she'd love an introduction.

Clarissa would love to say 'Thank You' to newly elected Chapter President Nikki Frontz and Region 1 Officer Anne Kleve for helping her celebrate her 39th!





# SPRING MEETINGS

## Music in the Air



By Donita Banks

**Our April 18 meeting** was held in the lovely recital hall at Classic Pianos on south Broadway, Denver. The eclectic and delightful program, “Dueling Pianos, Act II, a Celebration of Two Piano Works,” featured Denver Alumnae sisters Brenda Ohlschwager, Glenda Powell, Donita Banks and Linda Rolf. An appreciative audience of members and guests enjoyed duos, trios and quartets including waltzes, marches, a novelty piece and two recent compositions, “Jambalaya: A Portrait of Old New Orleans” by Eugenie Rocherolle (duo) and “Prelude for a New Day” by Kevin Olson (quartet). Following the performance, her fellow pianists presented a flowering plant to wonderful organizer Brenda, and Donita also gave flowers to Glenda and Linda as a thank you for their hard work and beautiful playing. All then enjoyed a social time with refreshments provided by Dorothy Nelson. V-P, Membership Nikki Frontz conducted the ensuing business meeting. V-P- Ritual Kristin Rousom presided at the SAI Memorial Service for Dr. JoAnne Kyhl, who died on March 4, 2017. Donita Banks read the obituary which appears elsewhere in the newsletter. Kate Charlton is our new Central City Opera Chairman and will send out ticket information by email. The selected opera is Mozart’s “Cosi fan tutti” on the afternoon of Saturday, July 29. This will be



Rose Sisters Kate Charlton & Dee Netzel



Linda Rolf, Donita Banks, Glenda Powell, Brenda Ohlschwager

# SPRING MEETINGS

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By Donita Banks

**The May 16 meeting**, held at beautiful Holly Creek Retirement Center in Centennial, featured performances by two of our three Sigma Upsilon scholarship winners, Raphaelle Siemens, violinist (third place) and Kassandra Lopez, flutist (second place). The first place winner, soprano Victoria Minton was unable to attend. Denver alum members Donita Banks and Linda Rolf rounded out the program with a sampler of state songs from their February program, "A Great and Singing Nation." The Holly Creek residents in attendance (more than 20) seemed to especially enjoy the sing-along at the end. Mary Nichols provided refreshments for the social time, assisted by Linda Rolf. President Janet Williams presided over the very full business meeting, which began with the affiliation of Carmel Collier. Janet, Kristin Rousom, Nikki Frontz, Linda Rolf, Donita Banks and Marion Talley assisted in that ceremony. Janet is moving to Tampa, Florida, so, with regret, read her letter of resignation, which was accepted by the chapter members. Two new members of the Board were then elected (see separate list). Reports on the CC opera and Sigma Upsilon Chapter events and details on the June meeting were given. Janet thanked and presented a gift to each of this year's Board members, Linda Rolf, Nikki Frontz, Kristin Rousom, Rachel Stone and Brenda Ohlschwager. (Clarissa Constantine will receive hers at a later date.) Kristin Rousom installed four of the new officers present. Donita presented Janet a gift and card signed by members as a thank you for her nearly 10 years of service to our chapter. We closed the program by singing, "SAI a Mile High", the song written by JoAnne Kyhl and Donita Banks for our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010.



Raphaelle Siemens &  
Kassandra Lopez

### MEET OUR NEW AFFILIATE

By Donita Banks

Carmel Collier attended our recent Province Day and decided she wanted to be a part of our chapter so was affiliated at the May 16 meeting. She grew up in Albuquerque and earned a BS in business administration with a minor in music from Eastern New Mexico University. Carmel was initiated by Gamma Nu Chapter at ENMU. A

singer, she has lived in the Denver area for about 20 years and is currently job-hunting and volunteers in the community. Carmel enjoys hiking, biking, people, crafts, reading and gardening. She lives at 7495 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Lakewood, 80214; phone no: [303-875-7851](tel:303-875-7851); email: [cantadolce@yahoo.com](mailto:cantadolce@yahoo.com). Welcome, Carmel—we're so glad to have you with us!





# XI C PROVINCE WEEKEND MARCH 4-5, 2017



By Donita Banks

I don't often use the word "Awesome" but that is exactly how I would describe the 2017 Province Day weekend on March 4-5 at Lamont School of Music, University of Denver. Chair Nikki Frontz (a force of nature) and Brenda Ohlschwager, chapter treasurer, set the dates and mapped out the budget proposal for chapter approval months in advance. They and their committee, Cassidy Boone, Clarissa Constantine and Sabrina Green (Denver alum members) and Mary Hannig, Victoria Minton and Athena Wilkinson (Sigma Upsilon members) planned and produced a weekend sisterhood "extravaganza" entitled, "Treasures, Traditions and Opportunities." Nearly 50 sisters from Boulder Alumnae Chapter, Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter, CSU Colony and several inactive SAls joined host chapters Sigma Upsilon and Denver Alumnae Chapter for an exciting and memorable event. Special guests were Ruth Sieber Johnson, SAI Executive Director, Anne Kleve, Region 1 Officer and Patty Krus Stanfield, Xi C Province Officer.



CSU Colony members making tote bags



Ruth Sieber Johnson



Linda Rolf & Mary Hanson

As participants checked in on Saturday morning, they received a name tag, a program and a "Vita brevis, ars longa" commemorative T-shirt. Delicious breakfast items were provided by Denver alums.



Xi C Province Officer  
Patty Krus Stanfield



Colorado Springs Alumnae

Opening Ceremony and Remarks, Introductions, and Welcome followed. With information provided by Clarissa and Athena, attendees brought supplies to make DIY tote bags out of old T-shirts filled with useful products to donate to The Gathering Place, a Denver women's shelter. It was a fun and productive project! Patty then led a lively workshop reminding us of the



# XI C PROVINCE WEEKEND MARCH 4-5, 2017



Province Day Chairperson  
Nikki Frontz

meaning of our fraternity initiation ritual. We enjoyed a “Brown Bag” lunch while representatives from participating chapters shared their thoughts on why SAI is important to them. Two wonderful workshops topped the afternoon schedule: Brenda Ohlschwager shared a detailed checklist for consideration before deciding to open a Private Teaching Studio; Sabrina Green, using the title “Kicking and Screaming—Bringing your Chapter into the Digital Age”, introduced participants to digital resources to help your chapter thrive.



Mary Nichols



Clarissa Constantine & Region 1  
Officer Anne Kleve

Powerpoints of both presentations are available online. Ruth Johnson led us in a spirited sing-along of SAI songs. A musicale featured Sigma Upsilon member, Julie McCarthy, guitar; Denver Alumnae members Nikki Frontz, voice, and Linda Rolf and Donita Banks, voice and piano renditions of state songs and stories from across the USA. We then walked or drove to nearby University Park United Methodist Church for the concluding events of the day: a delightful dinner from Noodles, Inc., an ice cream do-it-yourself bar, a



Ruth Sieber Johnson

keynote address by Ruth Johnson, Closing Remarks and Presentations and our Closing Ceremony. And, of course, there were opportunities throughout the day for conversation and camaraderie with as many sisters as possible. Many, many thanks to all those who made this XI C Province Day such a great success!



Donita Banks & Linda Rolf



Julie McCarthy



Athena Wilkinson

IN LOVING MEMORY  
Stephen W. Banks  
1937-2016



By Donita Banks

IN MEMORIAM



My husband, Steve, loved to sing and had a lifelong passion for choral music. His real interest in music began at Media High School (a suburb of Philadelphia, PA) where his wonderful music director, Grace Porter, introduced him to choral singing. Steve was also the baritone in an award-winning male quartet, The Storytellers, who performed throughout the region during his senior year in high school (1954-55). Steve and I met as members of the University Choir at CU-

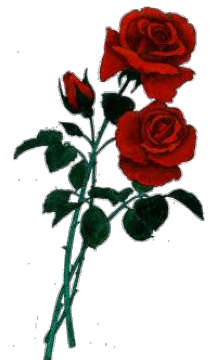
Boulder in 1956 and we were married in 1959 in my home town of Pueblo, Colorado. He and I sang in the Chancel Choir of Lakewood UMC for many years and for the past six years as members of Charles Wesley Choir at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch. Steve also loved his years as a member of the Classic Chorale and the Colorado Symphony Chorus. We attended many CSO and Colorado Children's Chorale Concerts over the years and he could often be seen at SAI events, most recently our "Swing into Spring" dinner on March 12.



Stephen Walter Banks was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, spent his childhood in Portland, Oregon, and graduated from Media High School. He earned degrees in electrical engineering and business at CU-Boulder and began a 32-year career at "Ma Bell" (U. S. West, now CenturyLink) in 1960 as an engineer and network manager. He later earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from CSU. After he retired, Steve did volunteer work in the community and pursued his hobbies of collecting vintage cars, building radio-controlled airplanes and operating amateur radio devices. He loved spending time with his family, vacations at our cabin near Grand Lake and monthly breakfasts with his former work colleagues. We lived in Lakewood for 56 years and our home in Westgate for 45 years and shared a lifetime of wonderful experiences.

Steve had a hard fall on our driveway on October 30, 2016, with a traumatic head injury followed by two months of treatment and rehab and some measure of recovery. However, complications from an infection and diabetes (a 35-year struggle) contributed to his decline and death at a Lakewood care center on December 29. A beautiful memorial service was held at St. Andrew UMC on January 4. In addition to myself, Steve is survived by sons David Banks (Jennifer) and Gary Banks (Calisa Tucker), daughter, Julie Stiegemeyer (Scott) and nine grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Andrew UMC Music Program, 9203 S. University Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126-5016 or The American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Dr. Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202.



# IN LOVING MEMORY

## Dr. JoAnne Ingeborg Kyhl



by Donita Banks

Dr. JoAnne Kyhl was a violist, conductor and composer of numerous vocal, choral and instrumental compositions. She earned a master's degree in music with the viola as her major instrument and fine arts from the University of Texas, Austin, in 1954. She received a PHD in composition from the University of Minnesota. JoAnne also spent a year in Vienna, Austria, studying viola and composition.

JoAnne was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa on September 2, 1931. Her musical instruction began on the piano from the age of 6 with her mother, an accomplished pianist and organist. She often improvised at the piano, which prompted her younger brother John to say, "Jo is playing some of that home-made music again. Make her stop!" A relative had an unused violin which JoAnne tried and liked, later switching to the viola. She began

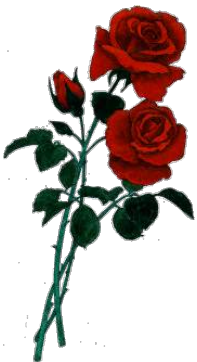
her violin studies at age 11 at Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa). Her first violin teacher had been a pupil of the great Belgian virtuoso Eugene Ysaye. Many years later, JoAnne was able to trace the ancestry of her violin teachers and link them with Viotti and Kreutzer.

JoAnne held college teaching positions, played in orchestras and ensembles and sang in choral groups throughout her life. Her compositions were performed on numerous occasions by church and community groups and often for programs for the Denver Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota international music fraternity. In 2011 JoAnne was admitted to the Sigma Alpha Iota Composers Bureau on the strength of performances of her music by professionals in professional concert venues. An entry about her work has appeared in the American Composers issue of *Pan Pipes*, the fraternity publication. JoAnne also presented a workshop at the 2012 National Convention of SAI in Atlanta.

JoAnne was initiated into Beta Xi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota at the University of Texas, Austin, in 1954. She affiliated with Denver Alumnae Chapter in 1973, serving as Vice-President-Programs, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor as well as on the Scholarship, Honors and other committees and as an alumnae advisor for Eta Kappa college chapter. For almost 25 years, JoAnne, along with Delta Omicron member, Judy Eidson, was co-chair of the annual Panhellenic Musicale which featured performers from SAI and DO. For many years she also organized and directed a small choral group who performed several selection on the musicale. JoAnne and Judie often selected a theme for these eclectic, excellent concerts: Russian Music, Italian Music, Music and the Muses, Musical Treasures from Eastern Europe, American Music in Rhapsody and Verse, and Shall We

Dance?. JoAnne was a member of the SAI Singers, who performed her cantata, "We Are the Daughters" on two programs in 2002. She cherished her SAI sisters and the musical opportunities available as an SAI member for over 60 years. JoAnne was awarded the Sword of Honor, the Rose of Honor, a chapter recognition pin and two certificates of excellence.

JoAnne's interest in Fine Arts took her to Europe on many occasions; she visited France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Greece, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Estonia, Holland and Belgium. She created and presented a variety of programs featuring sacred and secular European Art for SAI meetings and in other venues, providing rich commentary and also writing articles about her travels.





# IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary L. Bailey  
(1936-2016)



By Donita Banks

IN MEMORIAM



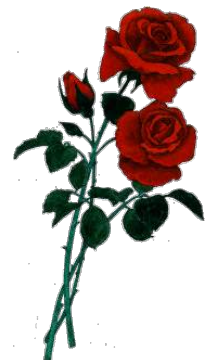
Mary Louise Bailey, a former member and Past President of Denver Alumnae Chapter, passed away on November 29, 2016, in Ponca City, Oklahoma. She had celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday surrounded by family and friends at her home in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, on November 5. Mary had surgery on November 17 and passed away due to complications on November 29. A service was held at First

Baptist Church, Ponca City, on December 5.

Mary was born on October 17, 1936 in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, where she grew up and graduated from high school in 1954. She attended Oklahoma Baptist University, graduating with a Music Education degree, and followed that with a Master of Arts in Vocal Performance from Colorado State University. Mary taught elementary music, private piano and voice lessons for 35 years in 5 states, moving as her husband Roger Bailey's engineering jobs demanded. When it was time to retire, they moved to her childhood home in Tonkawa, where she was active in her church music program, PEO and DAR. Mary loved to travel—her last trip was an Alaskan cruise last summer with three family members.

Mary was initiated into Alpha Eta chapter at Oklahoma Baptist University in 1955. She affiliated with our chapter in 1981 and was active until the family moved to California in 1985. They returned to Colorado in 1996 and Mary served on committees and as a board member, performed as a pianist and singer and was a member of the SAI Singers. The chapter thrived under her leadership as President from 1999-2001. Mary was awarded the Sword of Honor in 2000. Nancy Ruth Bailey, one of Mary's four daughters, was active in our chapter from 2011-2013 then moved to Tonkawa where she still resides. Mary will be remembered for her dedication to SAI and her fun, outgoing and loving spirit.

Mary is survived by her husband, Roger, three daughters, three grandchildren, a brother, a sister and many other relatives. Memorials may be sent to Oklahoma Baptist University in care of the Ronna Terrell Bailey Memorial Scholarship Fund.



# "DONATE" YOUR BIRTHDAY!

by Clarissa Constantine



As I was perusing Facebook on my phone about a week ago, a really cool notification came up: did you know that you can 'donate' your birthday to the 501(c)3 organization of your choice? (Hint, hint: SAI Philanthropies is a 501(c)3!)

So, since my birthday is the 29th and Philanthropies is very close to my heart, I figured 'Why not?!' Here's what I posted:

"In honor of my 39th Birthday (May 29, if you didn't remember), I'd love to ask friends and sisters to save a tree, save a stamp, and instead, donate \$3.90 (or more!) to Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies. If 100 people donate \$3.90, we'll donate a total of \$390! (And if you actually choose to donate \$4.13, then that'll take care of the credit card processing fees this site charges, and SAI Philanthropies will actually get the full \$3.90! Yes, I did the math. I'm a dork like that!)"

It was super easy - I had it set up to accept donations in less than 5 minutes. Here's the cool part, though: within 12 hours we'd already raised nearly a quarter of my goal!

The next morning I checked, and our total was up to \$540! I looked at the record of donations, and a single woman who is an alumna of the Iota Delta Chapter at San Diego State University had donated THE ENTIRE GOAL AMOUNT! I even messaged her to make sure she hadn't made a mistake with her decimal places. Here's what she had to say: "Nope, it was intentional - PayPal even made me enter the amount twice!" She continued, "Everyone in the fraternity has always been there for me and I just felt like this was an opportunity to give back to you and the fraternity. ❤️"

This....THIS is what our organization is about...it's about being there to support each other through good times and tough times....and together making an impact, \$5 at a time, \$10 at a time, or \$390 at a time, to further the purpose of music. We work together in whatever way we can to make this world a better place. And our chosen manner of doing so is music.



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

If you're on Facebook, I encourage you to consider donating YOUR birthday to SAI Philanthropies. Who really needs a piece of paper folded up and put inside another piece of paper with a stamp on it, anyway? You can set up your own donation by searching for Network for Good. And, if you're so inclined, here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/10156131183928662/10156133044158662/>

It's live 'til May 31!!!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Mark Your Calendar!!!

### DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER EVENTS

Sat., June 3 @ 12PM      2016-2017 Executive Board Conference Call (Google Hangouts)  
Sat., June 17 @ 10AM      Chapter Musicale & Meeting (Rockley Music Center)

### SIGMA UPSILON CHAPTER EVENTS

Mon., May 29 @ 5PM      Initiation (Lamont School of Music @ DU)

### SAI CONVENTION

**July 26-30, 2018      Scottsdale, AZ**

### Calling All Hostesses, Co-hostesses, and Musicales for 2017 - 2018

Is your home hostess ready? Is there a venue you have in mind for chapter meetings? Do you have a new recipe you've been wanting to share as a co-hostess? Are you eager to perform a musicale, either on your own or with a sister? Are you getting excited to continue our chapter's success?

I am very honored to serve as the Vice President of Programs for this upcoming 2017 - 2018 year of the Denver Alumnae Chapter. To continue our mission we need places to meet, snacks to eat, and music to hear. I'm asking the chapter to **start thinking about how you'd like to participate**. At the June meeting, I will pass around a signup for hostesses, co-hostesses, and musicales for the upcoming year. If you cannot attend the June meeting and would like to participate, please email me which you'd like to do (host, co-host, musicale), your preferred month, and if you will be teaming up with a sister.

Let us raise our voices in dedication for 2017 - 2018!

Roses,  
Krista Aliga  
[krista.aliga@gmail.com](mailto:krista.aliga@gmail.com)

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!

What a year it's been! We've had ups & downs, and through it all we've made music. I look forward to serving our fraternity again in 2017-2018 as the Denver Alumnae Chapter Editor, and I continue to welcome your contributions. Please remember to email me with anything you'd like included in a future newsletter: [clarissaconstantine@gmail.com](mailto:clarissaconstantine@gmail.com).

Have a fabulous summer!

Love and Roses,  
Clarissa

### *Happy Birthday*

Kate Charlton, June 14  
Jeannette Armbrustmacher, July 6  
Rachel Stone, July 13  
Eleanor Coffey, July 17  
Karen Kappler, July 19  
Catherine Rands, July 26  
Wilma Parsons, July 27



Cassidy Boone, August 3  
Mary Nichols, August 3  
Dorothy Nelson, August 14  
Louanne Shelton, August 17  
Mary Hanson, August 31

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