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Letter from the President—submitted by Tracey Wygal



Dear Sisters,

I wanted to dedicate the majority of this letter to Province Day. Province Day this year will be held at Shepherd University- a short drive away from our chapter base. We have not had large attendance at Province Day before- this should be the year for change! We need to show alumnae pride and make our presence known.

Province Day is a great opportunity to meet members from other chapters in our Province and show them that fraternity life is still going strong after college years. Province Day is filled with fun activities and

sisterhood opportunities. It would also be a great day to meet with some of our newest Province members from Frostburg- the Lambda Theta Chapter.

I have not received much information regarding the day but I will certainly distribute this once it has been released. I hope you mark the date on your calendars- April 22nd and plan to attend!

In addition to this, I would like to welcome all the new members of our chapter. It is very exciting to have more dedicated and great people join our chapter!

Lastly, I want to draw your attention to our website, which Larissa is doing such a great job on maintaining. It is full of pictures and information. It is a useful tool (especially the calendar!).

Wishing you all the best,
Tracey

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Two Affiliate



Beth Padden and Amy Rood

Our chapter is growing by leaps and bounds! We welcomed 4 affiliates and 2 patroness initiates at our November meeting. At the January 21 meeting we affiliated two more: Beth Padden and Amy Rood.

Elizabeth Padden was initiated by Beta Mu in 1995. Beth plays violin and percussion and is currently working as a teacher.

Amy Rood was one of our patroness initiates in November. She is a music therapist and a student.

Our current active membership is 17 members. We look forward to additional affiliates at our May meeting.

Letter from the Editor—submitted by Larissa Elliott



"Let your voice be heard."

Okay, so this is my first official "Letter from the Editor" since I received the position nearly a year ago. I figured that my two cents was not as important as the news about our growing chapter. This doesn't mean that you haven't been hearing from me. Actually, I write most of the articles found in the newsletter. This is actually what brings me to write this "Letter from the Editor."

I've been thinking about what it means to be in charge of something—like the newsletter. I realized that it doesn't mean that I should be doing everything by myself. Leadership includes

delegation. Don't get me wrong, I love writing these articles. However, "Just a Note" should be the voice of the chapter.

My goal for the next issue of "Just a Note" is to have articles contributed from the officers and members of the chapter. Actually, anyone out there reading this can write to us just to say "Hey!" Don't know what to write about? Write about what projects you are working on for the chapter. Share with us the exciting events going on in your life. New to the chapter? Help us learn who you are. Sisters, I call on you to let your voice be heard.

Do you have a contribution for the newsletter? Send it to Larissa at LarissaElliott@yahoo.com

Focus on a "Friend"

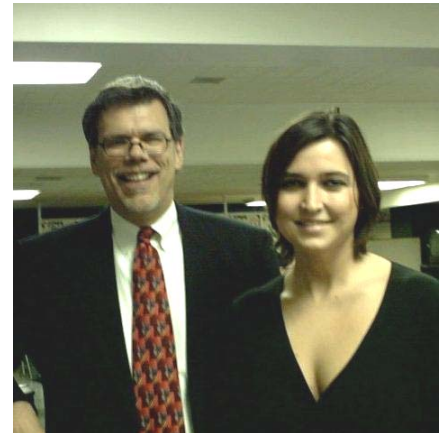
As you may know, one of the national objectives for SAI is to celebrate living composers. In this month's newsletter, we'd like to celebrate David Brunner; a composer, conductor, and music educator. In January, our president Tracey Wygal traveled with her students to perform in the West Virginia All State Choir. The guest conductor for the choir was David Brunner. Mr. Brunner was initiated as a Friend of the Arts by Zeta Tau in 1998. Tracey says of Brunner, "It was an honor to meet him and he inspired me in my conducting and spirit of teaching." Below is the brief bio that was printed in the West Virginia All State Choir program.

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David L. Brunner is a conductor, music educator and composer. He is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Central Florida, where he conducts the University Chorus and Madrigal Singers, teaches courses in conducting and music education and coaches private composition students.

David Brunner's music has been performed worldwide by children's choirs, middle and high school singers, college, community and professional choirs. His work can be heard on the CD "We Are the Music-Makers: The Choral Music of David L. Brunner" and many independent recordings by choirs around the world. He is the recipient of ASCAP awards from 1997 through 2001 and is published exclusively by Boosey & Hawkes, Inc. He also serves on the editorial board of the Choral Journal and is the author of articles in the Choral Journal and Music Educators Journal.

Brunner holds degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University and Northwestern University in choral music education and conducting and the Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Literature and Conducting from the University of Illinois.



Composer/conductor David Brunner poses with Tracey Wygal before the performance.

Make-Do Musicale



The musicale at the February meeting was filled with fun and excitement. What's so exciting about a musicale you ask? Well, all of the performers were using their secondary instruments.

Tracey Wygal was first to perform. Usually a clarinet player, Tracey sang "Candle on the Water" from *Pete's Dragon*, a Disney movie. It was her tribute to National Convention which will be hosted near Disney this summer. Larissa Elliott is a

flute player but decided to play the piano. She played "The Entertainer" by American composer Scott Joplin. Linda Yonteff is a pianist but played for us Bach's "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" on alto recorder. Everyone got up for a fraternity-song-sing. Finally, several members got up to sight read some recorder ensemble pieces in preparation for a future musicale. Between nerves and a lack of knowledge for recorder fingerings, laughs were shared by all.

Province Day



Coming soon to a College near you: Province Day! This year's province day for Iota A province will be hosted by Eta Tau chapter. The event will take place in the Frank Center for Creative Arts at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV. It will be held on Saturday, April 22. This is an all day event, so clear your schedules.

What should we expect at Province Day? Well, plans aren't finalized yet but there

will likely be a guest speaker and a ritual ceremony. There may be crafts and music. Most definitely there will be fellowship with sisters from all over the province.

What should we wear to Province Day? Because of the ritual ceremony, we must dress in pin-attire. It would be wise to also bring your song book and a camera.

We hope to see many of you there!

Province Day will take place on April 22 in the Frank Center at Shepherd University. For directions go to www.shepherd.edu/musicweb/direct.html

Grant Update

Mrs. Chrisman, General Music teacher at Musselman Middle School, was the recipient of this year's Music Project Grant. She was able to purchase an additional set of tone chimes for her extra large general music classes this year. Mrs. Chrisman sent her thanks and pictures of her students enjoying the new instruments. Congratulations again to Mrs. Chrisman and her students.



Make Way for Mary Kay

This year's big fundraiser is Mary Kay makeup and skin care products. We will be having a product demonstration party on Saturday, March 18 at 11 am. The party will be held at Jennifer Sharp's house in Boyce, VA. Bring a friend for this fun event. We would also like members to bring finger foods to share. If you can't make it, or have friends who would like to make an order, visit MaryKay.com to preview products. Catalogs will be available at the event or afterward by mail. Contact the chapter at saiwincalum@yahoo.com or call Larissa Elliott at (304) 274-0593 to request a catalog or for directions.

Below are directions to the party from Winchester, VA. For directions from other areas, contact the chapter at the above address.

1. Route 50 East / Jubal Early Drive towards I-81
2. After passing over I-81 (don't get on the highway!), continue straight on 50 East (towards DC).
3. Follow Route 50 East to Route 340 (next major traffic after leaving Winchester - about 10 minutes - with Sheetz gas station on Left, and a Citgo on Right)
4. Turn Left onto Route 340 North and follow into the town of Boyce (about 2 miles)
5. After passing the blinking light (intersection with Main Street) you will see Crescent St. on the left, then Huntington Lane (private lane, so brown street sign) also on the Left. Jen's house is the 3rd driveway on the Left AFTER Huntington (small signs for 210 & 214 just before driveway, and a black mailbox just after the driveway).
6. Going up the driveway, bear right to Jen's house – red brick ranch with white shutters and trim: 214 N. Greenway Ave., Boyce, VA 22620 (540) 837-2411

Convention Registration

The SAI national convention is this July 27-31 in Orlando, Florida. Those wishing to attend should start making arrangements now. Registration forms are available online at www.sai-national.org/resource/events/2006convention.html.





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Winchester Alumnae Calendar 2005-2006

Date & Time	Meeting Type	Program
March 18, 11am	Fundraiser	Mary Kay fundraiser at Jennifer Sharp's house
April 22	Province Day	Province Day at Shepherd University
May 21, 11am	Formal Meeting	Affiliation, business, musicale
June 17, TBA	Social	Founder's Day picnic (place TBA)
July 27-31	Convention	National Convention in Orlando, FL

*Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA.

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