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Letter from the President—submitted by Tracey Wygal



Dear Sisters,

This SAI year was great! Our membership grew by leaps and bounds—we added TEN new members. Winchester Alumnae IS getting stronger. I look forward to next year and I hope you do as well!

Our last chapter activity was the Founder's Day Picnic at Linda's. It was a great time! We had great food and sisterhood. Linda challenged our athletic skills with Founder's croquet. We had seven questions to answer as we made it to each of the wickets. I'm sure you can find some pictures of that in the newsletter. Even Linda's cat got involved in the

action acting as a goalie! It was entertaining! In addition to this, Patty arranged a beautiful ceremony to honor the Founders. What a nice day!

As our SAI year closes, I think back to all the fun times we have had—shopping at Christmas, playing the recorder, the sing-a-longs, affiliations, secondary instrument performances (oh boy!), our lunches, Cold Stone Creamery adventure, the Founder's Day picnic, and much more! Take a minute to think of your favorite meeting or a person that just makes you smile. We are lucky to have SAI, especially to be with and make great friends.

I hope you enjoy your summer. Our first meeting will be in September, with the Executive Board meeting in August. Those dates will be coming soon!

Much love in SAI,
Tracey

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Plus Two Makes Twenty



The affiliation of two more sisters brings our chapter to an amazing 20 members! On May 20th we welcomed Christy Walker and Lesley Scherrer into our chapter. Christy was a patroness affiliate of Richmond Alumnae chapter. Lesley was initiated by Gamma

Gamma at Shenandoah University.

We are still awaiting the opportunity to hold the affiliation ceremony for Angela Holsinger who also joined our chapter this year.

Member Spotlight—submitted by Christy Walker

My name is Christy Walker and I am originally from Hampton, Virginia. I attended North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina where I earned a degree in Chemical Engineering. While at A&T, I marched in the band on clarinet (Blue and Gold Marching Machine) and also played in symphonic band.

I first found out about SAI through some friends of mine who marched in the band with me who were members of Phi Mu Alpha. A&T didn't have a chapter of SAI, and they approached some acquaintances and I about chartering a chapter. Unfortunately, the chartering process never got off the ground and I thought that I would never become a member.

After graduating from A&T, I created a website on marching bands from Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU's) called The 5th Quarter. Creating this website led me to meet and establish friendships with many members of SAI from various schools around the country. I previously thought I wouldn't be able to join SAI because I had finished my undergrad degree,

but they educated me about patroness membership and alumnae chapters.

I was initiated as a patroness member of the Richmond Alumnae Chapter in October 2004. At the time, I had just finished up my master's degree in Higher Education at Old Dominion University. Shortly after graduation, I was offered a position as an Academic and Career Advisor at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA where I have worked for the past 2 years. I am currently an advisor for the Gamma Iota Chapter at JMU and I enjoy working with SAI's on the collegiate level.

Outside of work, I am very busy. I am a member of the Unified Community Gospel Choir of the Shenandoah Valley and I participated in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Concert Band last summer. I love to read and travel, especially to football games. Since I travel to football games for my website, I get a chance to meet SAI's from around the country! I am single and recently adopted a cat, Sebastian. I live in Harrisonburg, Virginia.



New member
Christy Walker

Founders Day Fun

On June 17, the sisters met at the home of Linda Yonteff to celebrate Founders Day. As the sisters arrived, they were met with the challenge of Founders Day Crouquet. As each sister hit her ball through a wicket, she had to answer a founders trivia question. All of the sisters took turns hitting their ball through the seven wickets, writing down their



Jennifer Sharp is quizzed about the founders by Linda Yonteff

answers to the seven questions. Later in the day, the answers to the trivia questions were revealed and those who answered the most right received a prize.

After playing croquet, we presented the Founders Day ceremony. Patty Eitemiller, Vice President of Ritual, created a beautiful display of roses and candles. Each member took a turn reading information about one of the founders. (If only we had done the ceremony before the croquet trivia questions!)

The day ended with a picnic with plenty of delicious food provided by the sisters. Linda's husband was gracious enough to cook us some burgers on the grill. Laughter and conversation filled the rest of the afternoon.



Amy Call attempts to hit her croquet ball to the next wicket

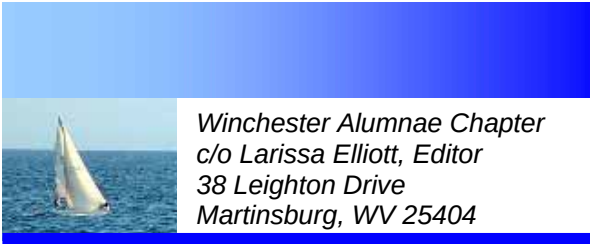
Members Make Music

At the May meeting, several members joined to present a musicale. New member Christy Walker performed Haydn's Andante Cantabile on her clarinet. Tracey Wygal and Larissa Elliott performed Disney songs in honor of the upcoming National Convention in Orlando, Florida. Tracey sang "So This is Love" from

Cinderella. Larissa played a piano arrangement of "The Mickey Mouse March." Finally, Linda Yonteff performed piano works by living American female composers. The first piece she played she had written herself, entitled "It Could Be Worse." She ended the musicale with Eugenie Rocherolle's "Easy Street."



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Upcoming: National Convention!

Are you ready? National Convention is just around the corner! The SAI National Convention will take place July 27-31 in Orlando, Florida.

Not going? Watch for the announcements of who is elected as our National Officers for the next triennium and what the new national objectives will be. The national objectives will be the guiding points for our chapter over the next three years.



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