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Letter from the President—submitted by Tracey Wygal



Dear Sisters,

I hope everyone is having a great holiday season. I would like to welcome our newest members and patroness members to Winchester Alumnae chapter! It is great to have such active and enthusiastic people join our chapter.

Our lunch and service event was great fun at our December meeting! We even battled the shoppers at the mall! As the new year approaches and everyone is setting goals, let

us think about what we want from SAI, what we can do to make this a better organization, and how we contribute to the chapter. As you are thinking and come up with new ideas, comments or concerns- bring them to the next meeting! These things are always welcome!

I hope you have a great New Year! Remember, January will be a formal business meeting and we will be affiliating two new members! I wish you all the best and thank you for your work in and support of Sigma Alpha Iota. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Love,

Tracey

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Winc Alum Welcomes Six

Winchester Alumnae chapter welcomed six new members during the November 19 meeting. The newly affiliated alumnae are Amy Call, Rachel Barb, Sarah McHugh, and Amanda Fishel. Patroness initiates are Amy Rood and Evie Fair. We are excited to have growing numbers once again. The last affiliation was in the fall of 2003. We are already expecting two more affiliates this spring with the possibility of others.

Amy Call was initiated by Gamma Iota in 1995. She is currently a music teacher and choral director for grades K-7. Rachel Barb was initiated by Eta Tau in 2001. Rachel is now a high school band director. Sarah McHugh was initiated by Gamma Gamma in 2002. She is currently seeking her masters degree. Amanda Fishel was initiated by Eta Tau in 2001. Amanda teaches elementary music.



Patronesses Amy R. and Evie



Affiliates Amy C., Rachel, Sarah, and Amanda

Amy Rood and Evie Fair are our new patroness members. Amy is a music therapist and a student. Evie is a general music teacher and teaches private voice and piano lessons. Evie is also working on her doctorate with hopes of teaching at a university or a young artist program at an opera house.

Congratulations to all of our new members! We look forward to getting to know you better.

Lambda Theta Joins the Family

Frostburg State University installed a new chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota on October 30. Lambda Theta was born! Nine members were initiated. Members from chapters throughout the province participated in and attended the ceremony including Tracey Wygal and Larissa Elliott from Winchester Alumnae. National VP of Extension and Fraternity Development, Shelby MacFarlane, presided over the ceremony with the help of Deb Volker, Province Officer for the Iota A Province.



Congratulations go out to Jennifer Sharp on the completion of her graduate recital! Way to go!

Upcoming Birthdays:
Michele de la Rosa--February 6
Patty Eitemiller--February 15

Grant Recipient Chosen

Winchester Alumnae chapter offered a \$100 grant for the first time this year. The grant was to benefit area educators by helping them with funding a music project they are currently working on for their students. The recipient chosen was Mrs. Elizabeth Chrisman, a general music teacher at Musselman Middle School in Berkeley County, WV.

Mrs. Chrisman experienced increased class sizes this year and needs to purchase additional tone chimes for all students to be able

to participate in their hand bell unit. The students have had fundraisers to help contribute to the great cost of the additional instruments. We hope that our grant will be the final contribution that Mrs. Chrisman needs to purchase the tone chimes.

We know that this project will benefit a great number of students this year and for many years to come. Congratulations to Mrs. Chrisman and the students at Musselman Middle School!



Service Project Overcomes Obstacles

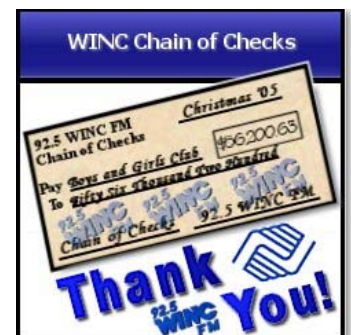
It never fails. Every year we attempt to do a December service project. Every year we meet an obstacle.

Last year our project was supposed to be gift wrapping to raise money for the Red Cross. That project was cancelled due to weather and we decided to use our resources to purchase gifts for a child from the Angel Tree project. The Angel Tree project was great fun since we got to shop and have lunch together. The project was so fun we thought we would do it again this year and budgeted more money to benefit an additional child.

On December 17 we all met at the Apple Blossom Mall in Winchester, braving the traffic and crowds on

one of the busiest shopping days of the year. We approached the Angel Tree in shock to find that it was totally empty! The project had ended just two days prior to our arrival. What were we to do? Amidst all of our brain storming, Amanda Fishel offered up the name she had drawn at school for a similar project. We decided to use \$50 of our \$200 to purchase the art supplies that the child had requested. The remainder was given to the WINC-FM "Chain of Checks" which will go to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Shenandoah Valley.

What will our project be next year? Who knows? Between scheduling snafus and weather unpredictability, nothing is certain.



Local radio station WINC-FM raised \$56,200 this year for the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Shenandoah Valley through the "Chain of Checks" program.

FRED QUIZ: Can you remember any of the 7 National Objectives?
Challenge one of your sisters to see who can name the most.



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Winchester Alumnae Calendar 2005-2006

Date & Time	Meeting Type	Program
January 21, 11am	Formal Mtg	Business, award nominations, review bylaws
February 18, 11am	Fundraiser	Mary Kay fundraiser (place TBA)
March 18, 11am	Business Mtg	Business, musicale
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.