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Letter from the President...

Dear Sisters,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits. As we work our way through the fall season, many of our projects are starting to unfold— especially in the area of service. At our October meeting, our service chair Larissa Elliott introduced our main service project for the year. We will be acquiring donations from local music stores of instruments and supplies to hand over to the People-to-People project. Along with this, we will be donating the large collection of used music that our chapter has compiled. More specific details and how we will accomplish this project will be presented at the November

meeting.

For only having two meetings so far, it has been really fun— from the fraternity sing to the MacDowell presentation to going out for lunch and much more! There can only be more good times to come. I look forward to our next meeting. We will be having affiliation of new members to our chapter. The meeting is November 15th, 11 A.M. at Shenandoah University's Armstrong Hall, Room 39. You can find a campus map and driving directions at the following website: http://www.shenandoah.edu/campus_maps.html. Our Province Officer, Deb Volker will be in attendance for her offi-



Winc Alums anticipate their major service project of the year, attend the November meeting for details.

cial visit. Please try to schedule this in your November calendar.

As always, if you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Love in SAI,
Tracey

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From the Editor's desk...



Dear Sisters,

Happy November everyone! The cold weather is quickly approaching as is the upcoming holiday season! Could things possibly get any busier!? With the holiday concert season approaching, I invite all of our music teacher members to send in your concerts dates so I can publish them in our newsletter and other members can attend to show their support!

This issue is jam packed with happenings in and around our

province, a recap on the October program and a member spotlight of one of our charter members, Ruann George.

I've also included a new feature in this issue focusing the three college chapters we support. It's my hope we'll be able to increase our communication and contact with these chapters by supporting their efforts! Read inside to see what they're up to!

Furthermore, any announcements, personal or otherwise you'd like to share with your SAI

sisters (i.e. pregnancies, engagements, promotions, etc)- please send them in!

As always, I've enjoyed putting together this issue of our newsletter for our chapter membership and hope that it continues to suit your needs. If there is anything you'd like to see included, please feel free contact me at any time at wincalum-pres@yahoo.com.

SAI Roses,

Patty

October Meeting Recap...



Above: Pan's Cottage located on the MacDowell Colony in Petersborough, NH

Sorry you missed the October meeting? Well never fear you monthly recap is here....

Tracey started off the meeting with chapter business including an introduction of our major service project of the year by our Service chairman, Larissa Elliott. See below for some details about this upcoming project!

Following a raffle of two small gifts (thanks to Tracey!), chapter members enjoyed their first fraternity education program of the year- The MacDowell Colony. Tracey provided a short presentation on the life of Edward MacDowell followed by a video on the MacDowell Colony borrowed from SAI Philanthropies, Inc. The program rounded out with Linda

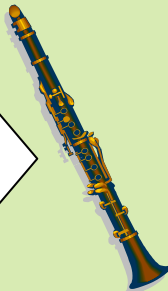
Yonteff performing MacDowell's "Song Outside the Prince's Door."

At the program's conclusion, several members enjoyed a lunch out together at Chic-Fil-A.

November's meeting will be a formal meeting including an affiliation, musicale and our Province Officer visit.

Announcing 2003-2004 Winchester Alum Service Project!!

Service Chair Larissa Elliott introduced the much anticipated service project for this year at the October meeting. Chapter members will contact their local music stores asking for donations of musical instruments, music, supplies and instrument repair time. Along with the many boxes of music already collected by members, these items will be sent to the SAI Philanthropies, Inc., People to People project! Start Collecting!





Member Spotlight: Ruann George



Editors Note: This month I am pleased to feature one of our charter members who has been with our group almost nearly since the days of the "Tri-State Musicians," Ruann George.

Living life to the fullest following her retirement as a Band Director for a Loudoun County, Virginia middle school, Ruann George holds the title as longest member of Sigma Alpha Iota in our chapter.

Initiated as a member of Gamma Gamma chapter at Shenandoah Conservatory of Music on December 4th of 1964, Ruann admits that SAI was "rather dormant" after her college days. "I had paid my life membership when I graduated and I kept up with SAI through 'Pan Pipes,'" she recollects. Fortunately for us, Ruann kept up with SAI and joined our small group as we worked to form a new alumnae chapter in Winchester four years ago.

Remembering back to her college days, Ruann, a Music Education major, says she can't remember for sure what made her join SAI, "it was so long ago, [though] I suppose I wanted to be a part of a great music fraternity."

Thinking further about how SAI impacted her college experience, she relays, "close friendships were made with the sisters." SAI also provided Ruann with the opportunity for more performance experience.

Focusing back on the present, Ruann is glad she joined the Winchester Alumnae chapter. "It has been wonderful meeting other sisters." Furthermore, she hopes to become more active when "retirement slows down."

Aside from SAI, Ruann



Ruann George (back row, far left) smiles with her fellow Winchester Alumnae charter members at their Installation in February 2000.

is involved with a number of other groups and organizations including serving as the Maryland State Historian for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Ruann is also a part of the Retired Teachers of Loudoun County, Virginia and a member of the Reunion Committee for her high school class.

Musically, she also serves as the organist and choir director at Benevola United Methodist Church.

In addition to taking part in the above organizations and groups, Ruann boasts many hobbies including the following: genealogy, reading, crossword puzzles, mowing, weed-eating and cleaning fence rows.

And if you thought that all this doesn't keep Ruann busy enough, she also relays that she "looks after" her parents, who are 89 and 87 and "doing great." She also keeps busy "looking after" their farm— which having seen it myself— is beautiful!

When asked if there was anything else she would like her fellow sisters to know, Ruann answered, "Have one husband, one dog— Bubba, two cats— Blondie and Holy and three horses— Beau, Bum and Rebel."

"It has been wonderful meeting other sisters [of her alum chapter membership]"

-Ruann George

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Winchester Alums
Yearbook
2003-2004**

**Chapter Yearbooks
will be available by
November 15!
Stay Tuned!**



Around and About in the College SAI World...

Editor's note: In order to continue to promote relationships between our two local and one adopted college chapters and our alumnae membership, I've included a new column in this issue focusing on the wonderful projects and events our college chapters are doing. As a monthly feature, it'll give us a chance to support these chapters in whatever way we can, whether attending a sister's recital or support-



Gamma Gamma

Submitted by: Erin Hocking, Alum Liaison

The sisters of Gamma Gamma chapter have enjoyed a performance and music-filled start to their school year this fall. In addition to performing in the Fraternity Performance Forum, several chapter members also performed at the Kennedy Center Performance of the Verdi Requiem on October 19th.

In the area of service, several chapter members helped at the Habitat for Humanity and also ushered at the 11th annual Bach/Handel Festival.

Their sisterhood continues to be strong with ongoing, Secret Sisters activity, fundraisers including morning bake sales, and participation in the Homecoming Carnival in which an SU blanket was raffled.

Coming up is their American Music Recital slated for November 15th at Shenandoah University. Ironically, ladies this is the same day as our next meeting at SU, so a great opportunity to support one of our college chapters!

Eta Tau

*Submitted by: Stephanie Femrite,
Corresponding Secretary*

This semester has meant heavy involvement in many fraternity service projects for Eta Tau chapter at Shepherd College. Many of their projects have benefited Canterbury Nursing Home, located in Shepherdstown. Chapter members have made 'tray toppers' cards, which will go on their trays to help brighten their days. A benefit concert at the Nursing home is also planned for November.

Later in the month, on November 22nd, chapter member will be traveling to Baltimore, MD to spend the day working in a soup kitchen.

Lastly, the chapter is about to begin fundraising for a Fazioli Piano. This piano is hand made in Italy, and there are fewer than 30 in the world. Many refer to it as the "Ferrari of Piano's."

In the area of performance, senior Eta Tau member Emily Bishoff will be performing her senior recital Friday, November 7th at 5pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Shepherdstown. Emily is a vocal music education major and will be performing works by Vivaldi, Schubert, Hahn and Barber.

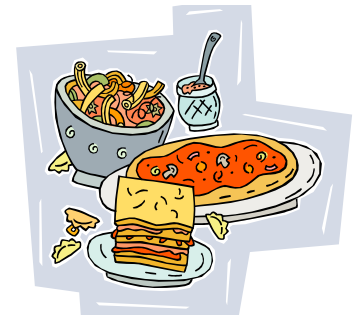
Epsilon Pi

Submitted by: Katie Ramsey, President

The sisters of Epsilon Pi are also tremendously busy. Coming up on the evening of November 16th, the chapter will be hosting a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at a local church in Kirksville, MO. A spaghetti or taco dinner is an annual event for the sisters of Epsilon Pi.

The goal of this year's dinner is to raise funds for their "Midwest Stringfest," a project they are planning for the weekend of January 31st. The two-day event includes the chapter funding a Suzuki Strings group from St. Louis, comprised of fifteen 4th-10th graders, to perform at three to four local schools on Friday. The next day the chapter will host a variety of workshops culminating with a group performance of the visiting group and local performers. To round out the weekend, the chapter will host a lock-in for all involved that evening. The event will require a lot of planning, coordination and financial support— but the chapter is determined to reach their goal.

If you would like to help Epsilon Pi with their Pasta dinner fundraiser to support this project, they are accepting pasta donations of any kind— penne, macaroni, etc. Donations can be sent to: 308 E. Missouri St. Apt. B, Kirksville, MO 63501.



Province Day Announced!

April 17, 2004 hosted by Gamma Gamma!

Stay Tuned for Details!!!

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We're on the web!

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Next Meeting!!!

***Join us for our
formal meeting on
November 15th
including our fall
affiliation, musicale
and official
Province Officer
visit from Deb
Volker.***

Winchester Alumnae Calendar 2003-2004

Meeting Date & Time	Meeting Type	Program
November 15, 2003; 11am	Formal Mtg. Dress to pin.	Affiliation and Musicale Official Province Officer Visit
December 6, 2003; TBA	Service Project	Gift Wrap for Red Cross Valley Mall, Hagerstown, MD
January 17, 2004; 11am	Business Mtg., Casual	Music in the White House Fraternity Sing
February 21, 2004; 11am	Business Mtg., Casual	Desert Party with Gamma Gamma and Eta Tau; Musicale
March 20, 2004; 11am	Fundraiser	Weekenders
April 17 2004; TBA	Province Day	Iota A Province Day/Affiliation (?)

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