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Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota

Fall 2009

Martha Dodds Stoner, Editor

From the President's Desk

Dear Sisters,

My family holds its reunion every other summer, and this was the summer. It's always a joy to gather from around the country every two years and share the stuff of our lives for a couple of days. We also share our music. My dad and his six siblings all played an instrument, and back in their young lives they had their own dance band which played at the local supper club every Saturday night. They passed a lot of their musical talent on to their children, so we usually have a sing along and various performances at the reunion. One of my cousins is a jazz saxophonist, whose latest CD is playing as I write this letter. What a blessing it has been to come from a family of musicians.

Two weeks later, another family, a sisterhood, of musicians gathered for the SAI convention in Lincolnshire, Illinois, and what a rich weekend it was. I will report on the convention separately, but will just say a thank you to all in our chapter who participated and volunteered for the weekend. Also, I'm sure our Province Officer, Sandy Erickson, was instrumental in making sure there was a delegate from each of the college chapters, so our Province was well

represented. The three young women from Rho, Xi and Theta Iota were very enthusiastic about their experience. We had a Province lunch at which we agreed on a date for Province Day, which WE are hosting and will virtually kick off our season. So SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, September 26th. We are very excited to have as our guest speaker our National President, Liz Nordling, so you will not want to miss it.

I hope you have all been having a good summer, and I look forward to seeing you all on September 14th as we begin a new season.

SAI love, Suzanne

HAPPY FALL BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING SISTERS:

Lillian Brooke 11/29
Jeanne Henderson 10/8
Sue Machan 11/11
Elda Spitz 10/20
Joan Swessel 11/2
Helen Toussaint 11/11
Marie Zellmer 10/17
Josephine Kosanke 9/20

Epsilon A Province Day
In Milwaukee!
Saturday, September 26
Guest speaker will be
SAI National President Liz
Nordling!

Where: Albright U Methodist,
5555 W. Capitol Drive,
Milwaukee

When: 10:00 to 4:00
Cost: \$15 including lunch
Not wheel chair accessible

Great fun with Great Friends
Phlea-Phlam, gifts, prizes!!

Directions: Capitol Drive to 56th, turn
south, left on Melvina. Parking lot past
the parsonage.

**Congratulations to our new
Patroness Dana Desormey for the
excellent performance of her 5th
grade choir at Convention. She
received funds to start the group at
her school from the new SAI Music
Education Outreach Grant.**



September 14, Monday 6:00 p.m.
St. Mark's ELCA
3515 E. Van Norman
Buffet Dinner Cudahy
Formal Business
Convention Report
Fraternity Song Sing (*Bring songbooks*)

Hostesses: Ginny Grossman
Cathie Schmanski
Barb Wegner

Directions: South on I-94 to Layton Ave, east
on Layton past the airport to Packard Ave
(traffic light). Turn north (left) on Packard, 4
blocks north to Van Norman. Turn west (left)
on Van Norman, 1 block to church. Street
Parking.

**Reservations must be called to Barb
Wegner at 414-769-6197 by 9/12!!!**
Dinner will cost \$8

Be sure you come get your yearbook!!

October 11, Sunday 2:30 p.m.

Home of Sue Medford
2542 N. Summit Ave
Business meeting
Dolores Sanicola, piano

Hostesses: Jeanne Henderson
Dolores Sanicola

Directions: From North Ave and water tower.
North on Downer Ave to Summit, Stay right
onto Summit to home.

November 1, Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church
2366 N. 80th St

Benefit Concert

\$5.00/person

Lindsay and Jesse

Family Fun for all!!

Hostesses: Suzanne Freshley
Lois Knutson
Martha Dodds Stoner
Beverly Wilke

Directions: From North Ave and Hwy 45, East on North Ave to 80th St, North on 80th, 1 block to church on east side of street.
Contact: 414-364-8089 if lost

Congratulations to the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter for winning the **Annelle Chandler McAdams Service Project Award** at convention for the CLEFS program.

Looking for performers

Anyone wishing to perform for musicales, please call Eida - (262) 243-5721. We are featuring women composers this year, though not exclusively. The theme for December is Music and Songs of Mary, and in April, we'd like to focus on Humorous music and songs.

Congratulations to Marie Zellmer, Cathie Schmanski and Marj Fowler for a great display at Phlea Phlam at Convention. The proceeds will be added to our contribution to Philanthropies this year!

Next National SAI Convention in
Atlanta
July 26 – 30, 2012

Upcoming Concerts

Master Singers of Milwaukee

"Opera Mix to the Max"

October 23, 24, 25

For more information
Contact Martha, Suzanne or Ginny

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National Orff Convention –
November 12, 2009
Milwaukee Children's Choir
performing

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