

Quarter Notes

Fall 2009

Dear **Madison SAI Alums**,

I hope you all have had a restful summer, and maybe have attended some musical events.

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m. at Attic Angels.

Mary Lou Hogan is the lead hostess with coffee, and Peggy Walters and Jeanette Ross are the co-hostesses. The program will be a report about the SAI Convention and a musicale...there are a number of new changes to hear about.

We hope to see everyone there as we kick-off a new year of fine programs and sociability. This year our meetings will vary by day of the week and time of day, and we have some lovely events planned.

In case someone can't be at the September meeting, the next one will be on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m., at Bethany Methodist Church with Nancy Becknell and Betsy Dunne as co-hostesses. That program is entitled "Ring Dem Bells" and will give both experienced and beginning ringers a chance to play.

At the national convention in Chicago all the province members attending met for lunch one day, and it was decided to have Province Day early in the season instead of waiting until spring. So, the Milwaukee alums agreed to be the hostesses, and they need to know by Sept. 14th who is coming. Let's plan to drive together to Milwaukee. Please call me if you are planning to attend (271-3514).

Susan Udell, President

Madison SAI Alumnae News:

Allan and Isabel Hubbard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April.

Penny and Vern Jacobsen celebrated their 40th this summer.

Isabel Hubbard has been judging 4-H music competition this summer at the following fairs: Stoughton, Lodi and Dane (lots of talent out in these areas).

SAI Alums received a card from the 2009 scholarship winner, Jessica Warmington, who spent three weeks in Spoleto, Italy this summer studying at the Spoleto Vocal Arts Symposium.

Jessica says:

"I would like to thank you again for the 2009 Madison Alumnae Scholarship, which has helped me study in Spoleto, Italy. I am learning so much with the voice lessons, coachings, rehearsals, and acting classes, as well as performances. Having performed in a Bernstein concert, I am looking forward to performing in the upcoming Area Concert, Sacred Concert, and Opera Series Performances. I met two other SAI's here and we were so excited to learn that we are in the same fraternity! We definitely bonded over that!

Sincerely, **Jessica**"

(Nan Becknell)

Dear Epsilon A Province Sisters,

The Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter is hosting Province Day this year, and at our Province lunch at convention we decided to hold it at the beginning in the season so that we could get to know each other early. We were so fortunate to have a delegate from each chapter, so as a group we set the date of **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**. We are particularly thrilled that our guest speaker will be our **National President, Liz Nordling**, so you'll want to be there! The big day is coming up soon, so spread the word to your members and start making your driving arrangements.

Here are the details so far:

Date: September 26, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Albright United Methodist Church

Address: 5555 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53216 (phone: 414-442-8540)

(Capitol Drive is a freeway exit from Hwy 43 and Hwy 45. You would end up on either of these from 94 or 894 bypass. From 43 you would go west, and from 45 you would go east.)

Parking: Parking lot behind church. From Capitol Drive, turn right on 56th Street, go one block to Melvina, turn left, and the entrance is just past the parsonage.

Fee: \$15.00 per person

Bring: Your songbooks

Please contact me by email or phone (414-365-3554) if you have any questions.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you and your chapter members on Saturday, September 26th!

Love in SAI, **Suzanne Freshley**

President, Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter of SAI

A Note from our Province Officer...

Dear **SAI Sisters**,

Greetings! I can hardly believe that summer is coming to an end. I hope each of you had an opportunity to slow down, recharge your batteries a bit and enjoy some aspect of music-listening or music-making just for the fun of it and not because you had to! My musical endeavors included participating in the Madison Early Music Festival (“music camp for adults,” as I call it) and attending the SAI Convention in Chicago at the end of July.

Convention Report

Convention was wonderful. I wish you all could have been there. It was truly inspiring to be among hundreds of SAI sisters, some newly-initiated and many who have been SAIs for decades, and to see all that SAI has been, is now, and can be in the future. This was my third Convention but first as your Province Officer. I was proud to represent Epsilon A Province and join our contingent on the convention floor. Delegates from all Epsilon A chapters attended as did several other members of the Madison and Milwaukee Alumnae Chapters.

Here are some highlights:

♪ The revised Ritual was premiered throughout Convention. Opening evening included an “Introduction to Revised Ritual” and Initiation Ceremony. A Memorial Ceremony held in remembrance of 6 SAI sisters was especially beautiful. Chapters will receive the revised ritual this fall. And among the pleasant surprises accompanying this update: **each SAI will be able to purchase her own copy of the Ritual – published in 3-ring binder format!**

♪ A truly special musical treat was the concert performed by violinist and SAI Honorary Member Rachel Barton Pine. She is an inspiring young artist with a compelling story. She has embarked on an effort to “recycle” used strings and instruments to musicians in poor countries through the Rachel Elizabeth Barton Foundation. I’ll bet that a formal relationship between her foundation and SAI’s People to People program is in the offing. And the Epsilon A collegiate chapters are planning a Province-wide project to collect and recycle strings, reeds, and the like from the schools of music to Rachel’s “Heartstrings” project. Learn more from her website:

♪ Epsilon A Province was well represented in the musical performers department. Several Milwaukee alums played in the SAI Convention band; **Peggy Walters** (Madison Alum), **Sarah Swanson** (Madison Alum), and **Jean Burull** (Patroness) performed songs Jean had composed (some of which we heard at Province Day in Appleton in 2007); and **Martha Stoner** (Milwaukee Alum, Music Education Director for SAI) nearly brought the house down as she channeled the inimitable Anna Russell in her performance of “The Ring der Nibelungen.”

♪ Last but not least, *Congratulations* go out to the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter for winning the **Alumnae Service Award for Region III for their Concert Listening Enrichment for Seniors (CLEFS) Project**. **Rho Chapter** received an honorable mention for the **Battle of the Bands service project**. Way to go!!

Meet Symphy...

I came back from Chicago with a newfound friend that I met at Phlea Pflam. She was born in Delaware but now resides on top of my refrigerator. Her name is Symphy. I named her that in honor of the SAI Symphony.



Two to three times a week, Symphy collects any nickels I have in my wallet that particular day. We're saving up to make a contribution to SAI Philanthropies. Symphy will be coming with me to Province Day and Chapter visits so you will have a chance to meet her.

We're hoping each chapter will join us in collecting nickels so we can make a Province contribution to Philanthropies. Stay tuned for more "pig-tails" (and don't spend ALL your nickels!)

A Special Guest at Province Day

Mark your calendars for September 26th. The Milwaukee Alums are hosting Province Day from 10-4 that day at Albright United Methodist Church. SAI President Liz Nordling will be the guest of honor. **This is a GREAT opportunity for you to learn more about the revisions to our Ritual as well as the many exciting things happening in our Fraternity.**

Well, that's the news for now. Have a great SAI year. I'll look forward to seeing you at Province Day or chapter visits.

Keep a song in your heart.

Sandy and Symphy

Epsilon A Province Day In Milwaukee!

Saturday, September 26

Guest speaker will be

SAI National President Liz Nordling!

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

When: 10:00 to 4:00

Cost: \$15 including lunch

Not wheel chair accessible

Phlea-Phlam, gifts, prizes!!

RSVP to Susan Udell by Sept. 14th