

Denver Alumnae Chapter  
November 2009

Xi C Province, Region 1  
Volume 59, Issue 2

## From the President

Dear Sisters,

What a start to the new season for our chapter! It seems like every time we turned around, we were faced with a new problem to thwart our plans. However, being the resourceful group we are, we always managed to solve our problems in the nick of time. It's wonderful to have so many members who are willing to pitch in and get things done. In fact, we've accomplished quite a bit in a couple of months. Our programs so far have been interesting and enjoyable, and we've added two new members and four new Friends of the Arts to our ranks.

Be sure to come to the November meeting with something for the Make-It-Bake-It-Sew-It-Grow-It sale and be prepared to buy something as well. Also, come prepared for our other fund raiser....\$3 per signature to sign a holiday card to send to the NEB members. We need to support these fund raisers in order to have money to send someone to the next National Convention.

It's wonderful to be president of an organization with such an active and dedicated group of women!



Roses,

*Martha Ann Lobmeyer*

## Calendar of Events

### November

Sunday, 22, 2:30 PM

Musicale and Meeting

*Nordic Winds and Strings  
of Sibelius*

*JoAnne Kyhl, Dorothy Nelson,  
Linda Rolf, and  
guests.*

Atonement Lutheran  
Church

6281 W. Yale Ave.  
Lakewood, CO 80227  
(Directions on page 8.)



### December

Saturday, 5, 11:30 AM

Incorporation Day  
Luncheon

Fresh Fish Company

Mary Jane Frohardt and

Rita Jo Tensly, co-chairs

(For more information, see  
page 2.)

### January

Saturday, 16

Xi C Province Day

Time & Location TBA

Sunday, 17, 2:30 PM

Musicale and Meeting

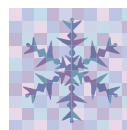
*Mary Alice Brauer, horn*

*Carolyn Kuban, harp*

Home of Mary Alice Brauer  
9484 E. Orchard Drive  
Greenwood Village, CO  
80111

Mary Alice Brauer, hostess

JoAnne Kyhl, co-hostess



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The header for this issue is from the May 1956 issue of *Staff Signals*.

## Corrections to 2009-2010 Yearbook Directory

Please make the following corrections to your hardcopy of the yearbook.

Page 7: Executive Director: Add **One Tunnel Road** to the address below National Headquarters. Change "Res:" to "Bus:" This is the business number for NH, not a residence.

Page 14: Chase, Donna: Zip code: 80108; Evans, Beverly: Residence: 303-671-6484, Fax: 303-671-0038 Zip Code: 80231; Fass, Betty: Residence: 720-242-8928; Cell: 303-913-3894

Page 14: Pages 14 & 16: Betty Fass and Martha Lobmeyer: School name is *Pittsburg* (no "h")

Page 15: Mary Jane Frohardt – Under awards, the symbol for 50-Year Certificate should be omitted. Replace with the symbol for the Rose of Honor.

Page 15: Mary Hanson – Under awards, add Rose of Honor.

Page 16: Martha Ann Lobmeyer – Under awards, add Rose of Dedication; Delorus Netzel – Under awards add Wreath of Achievement.

Page 17: Mary Nichols – Initiating chapter is Iota *Lambda*, not Iota Alpha.

Page 17: Lela Putney – Under awards, the checkmark should be the symbol for Rose of Honor.

Page 17: M.M. Fast – Address is Reba **Dale** Court.

Page 18: Phyllis **Rudduck** – Correct spelling of last name; address is Laurenwood **Way**

Pages 9 & 18: Rita Jo Tensly's phone - **720-560-2789**

Page 20: Cynthia Garrels – DOB: 3/20; Debbie Kruckman – DOB: 4/6

Page 23: Araujo, Avis S. – New Address and Phone: 1600 Fillmore St., #231, Denver, CO 80206, Res: 720-879-4908

Page 24: Bea Romer: Street is **E. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parkway**. (Book has 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pkwy.)

Page 28: November 28 Meeting: Co-hostess is Wilma Parsons

Page 35: Section 2.B: Vice President – Second sentence should read, "The Vice President is the program *chairman*." Chairman is spelled in the plural, but should be singular.

Page 35: Section 2.C: Recording Secretary – Add the following accidentally omitted sentence: "*The Recording Secretary maintains the card file.*"

## Incorporation Day Luncheon 2009

It is that time of year again! Our Incorporation Day Luncheon will be held Saturday, December 5 at the Fresh Fish Company at 11:30 A.M. The address is 7800 E. Hampden Avenue, Denver. Directions are: N. or S. on I-25 to E. Hampden Avenue. Go east on Hampden. Turn right into the Tiffany Square Shop-

ping Center at the traffic light which is just past S. Poplar St. The restaurant is at the far eastern end of the shopping center.

The price of the luncheon is \$15.75. You get your choice of entree, a salad, bread, choice of drink (coffee, tea or soft drink). Tax and tip are included in the price.

Please make your check out to Rita Jo Tensly, and send to 3460 S. Poplar St. #304, Denver, CO 80224 by Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

Mary Jane Frohardt  
Rita Jo Tensly  
Luncheon co-chairs

## Music Under a Harvest Moon - October Meeting

By Donita Banks

The evening of October 20 saw us at the home of Dee Netzel where we enjoyed a lovely program of "Romances and Nocturnes under a Harvest Moon" performed by Sara Keene, horn and piano (and composer of one selection), Kirk Prichard, saxophone and clarinet, and Dee Netzel, piano.

Following delicious seasonal refreshments provided by Dee and co-hostess Mary Nichols, Martha opened the meeting. It featured a "history minute" by Donita

Banks, dressed in costume as Helen Olin Roberts, active member of our chapter from the 1930s (before we were installed) through the 1950s. Donita displayed a poster-size photo of our National Officers, including Denver Alumnae member Marjorie Gallaher (National Editor from 1937-1944) from the Los Angeles National Convention in 1941. She also passed several other interesting photos from that time period. Just before the close of the meeting Dee Netzel was awarded the Wreath of Dedication.



Donita Banks portrayed Helen Olin Roberts in a "chapter history minute" during the October Meeting.

## Denver Alumnae Chapter - Soon We'll Be Seventy

### Part 5: "Since All My Friendships" - The 1990s

By Donita Banks

It can be said that the 1990s were Denver Alumnae Chapter's finest decade since its Installation on March 22, 1940. Under the leadership of Presidents Delorus Netzel, Martha Lobmeyer, Donita Banks, Marjorie Minton, Karen Kappler and Mary Bailey, our members rose to the challenges of hosting the SAI National Convention in 1997, of sponsoring significant community service and other projects, of expanding our membership base on many levels, of continuing our tradition of offering musical programs of high quality and of fostering closer ties with our SAI sisters. The achievements and dedication to the fraternity's ideals resulted in several awards and national recognition. Indeed, many members were "living for our SAI."

Average Active membership was 41 with 16 Patroness members. A Supporting Membership category was added in 1998-1999 (now Associate Membership). Meetings were held on Tuesdays evenings, with a potluck dinner in September and a morning meeting with a salad luncheon in June. Yearbook covers featured a variety of black and white or black and red designs with the exception of the 1997-1998 directory. That design was red on white with the National Convention cover logo its prominent feature. Chapter By-laws were included in the 97-98 yearbook for the first time, in a continuing effort to make the chapter's annual directory more complete and useful for members. Denver Alumnae Chapter remained in XI A Province the entire decade, which in 1992-1993 was realigned to include 4 college and 2 alumnae chapters in Colorado and Nebraska.



Betty Metzger received an Alumnae Leadership Certificate, in June 1993.

Members who affiliated and are still Active or Associate members include Beverly Evans, 1993; Betty Fass, 1996; Natalie Blecher and Lela Putney, 1998; and Mary Hanson, 1999. New Patronesses were Debbie Kruckman, Lizabeth Netzel and Belinda Smiley. Ardice Garrels served as Province President from 1987-1997. Martha Lobmeyer was Editor of *Tempo!* from 1997-2006. The Alumnae Leadership Award (Diamond Sword of Honor) was presented to Betty Metzger in 1993 and to Ardice Garrels in 1998. Fifty-year membership certificates were presented to Lee Harrison, Delorus Netzel, Jeannine Shafer-Flint and Rita Jo Tensly, the Rose of Honor to Donita Banks and JoAnne Kyhl and the Rose of Dedication to Ardice Garrels and Delorus Netzel. Singer Janice Hall, initiated by Epsilon Sigma, was initiated as a Member Laureate in Central City in July, 1990. She was there that summer to perform the role of Violetta in *La Traviata*. We also initiated as National Honorary Members Stephanie Berg-Oram (10/95) and Angela Cheng (3/96); as National Arts Associates Jane Pouw (1/94), Ellen Ravnan (3/94) and Dr. Nancy Gunn (11/97). New Friends of the Arts initiates were Avis S. Araujo (2/93), Bea Romer (6/93) and Joan Lander (6/95). Delegates were sent to four National Conventions during the decade: Jeannine Shafer to Minneapolis in 1990; Martha Lobmeyer to Cincinnati in 1993 (Martha, Donita Banks, Ardice Garrels and Dee Netzel invited delegates to attend the 1997 Convention); Karen Kappler to Denver in 1997; and Mary Bailey to Dallas in 2000. Members Dorothy Retallack, Virginia Rylands, Dorothy Bowman and Edythe Gaines passed away during this time.

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Cover of the 1997 National Convention program. Logo designed by patroness Liz Netzel.

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The chapter's most challenging, momentous and noteworthy chapter achievement was hosting the Sigma Alpha Iota National Convention, "A Celebration of Membership", July 31-August 4, 1997 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. Led by co-chairs Ardice Garrels and Delorus Netzel, many, many chapter members spent

myriad hours planning, preparing and putting together the many pieces of the puzzle that are a National Convention. Coordinators were Donita Banks and Louanne Shelton, Hospitality; Martha Lobmeyer, Registration, Program and



1997 National Convention Co-chairs Ardice Garrels and Dee Netzel.

Publicity; Dorothy Nelson and Cindy Garrels, Local Personnel; Mary Jane Frohardt and Jeannine Shafer-Flint, Fraternity Events; and JoAnne Kyhl, Concert/Music. National President Brenda Ray attended XI A State Day in Boulder in

March, 1996, to help set the stage for our involvement. Then the Co-Chairs and Coordinators met with the National Board at the hotel in August, 1996. With 640 SAIs in attendance, the Convention was a huge success on all levels. Three of the many notable events were the SAI Philanthropies Benefit Concert featuring pianist David Allen Wehr, the sightseeing bus tour to Georgetown and the recognition of 97-year old Lela Putney, initiated in 1929, as an outstanding member of the fraternity.

Denver alums again sponsored many worthy projects during the 1990s, including continued support of Alpha Phi and Eta Kappa members. Scholarship auditions were held each year and enjoyed musicales by the winners at either chapter meetings or Province Day gatherings. For many years a donation was made toward Life Membership in SAI for graduating seniors from the two college chapters. Denver alums regularly assisted in initiation ceremonies for new Eta Kappa members. In November, 1994, members participated in several events celebrating Eta Kappa's 10th Anniversary-



Member Lela Putney was recognized as an outstanding member of SAI at the 1997 National Convention.

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## Historical *Staff Signals* Issues Being Preserved

In the August issue of *Staff Signals*, it was reported that the historical header shown was from the very first issue of the Denver Alumnae newsletter. After some additional research and digging, with the help of Donita Banks and Ardice Garrels, it was discovered that this is not the case. The first newsletter we were able to find was actually written in the late 1940s. This document, like many of the early newsletters from the late 40s and early 50s, was literally a letter that contained news. This first newsletter, dated August 30, 1948 and simply titled "Newsletter", was written by editor Betty Metzger. It follows standard letter format with the date, a greeting, a body, and a closing. The body is divided into several sections, recounting information about previous meetings, upcoming events and donations/presentations made by the chapter, as well as other "news".

This letter format was followed for several years, including the letter that appears to be the first "*Staff Signals*" in name. This newsletter, also written by editor Betty Metzger, is dated May (1949). By the February 1949 newsletter, the exact date was omitted and the newsletter was simply labeled "February Edition" and later "May Edition". The location of these newsletters in the scrapbooks gives clues as to the year, as did the fact that Betty Metzger was the editor for the 1948-1949 year.

Although the newsletter appears to have been published and mailed quarterly, it seems that not all of the letters have been preserved to the present. In my own records as editor, I have several gaps of months and even years where there are no newsletters. It is my hope to be able to continue searching the scrapbooks in order to locate these letters to

fill in these gaps, for I am currently undergoing a project to preserve as many of our past newsletters as possible. Paper breaks down and disintegrates over the years, and I believe that these newsletters are essential to preserving our chapter's rich 70-year history. Therefore, I am scanning each of the available newsletters into PDF files (the way that many of you receive your *Staff Signals* today), and hope to make them accessible to any who are interested in the chapter and fraternity as a whole. This project will take several weeks to complete, especially as I search for the "missing" letters. Once completed, copies of the PDF files will be made available to members upon request in CD-ROM format. Please look for updates on this on-going project in future issues of *Staff Signals*.

Kristin L. Rousom, editor

## "Soon We'll Be Seventy" Kick-Off Event - September Meeting

By Donita Banks

An exciting evening of sisterhood and celebration highlighted our September 15 meeting at the home of Mary Hanson. Surrounded by a bevy of "Happy Birthday" balloons, members enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner while renewing close ties with fellow SAIs. Following the dinner, Donita Banks and Linda Rolf presented a unique program entitled "Seventy Years of Sisterhood – Denver Alumnae Chapter – Scenes from Our History."

Based on Donita's research, Linda wrote

a script for each decade of our history as the two of them used dialogue and a variety of props to portray two active members during each decade and highlights from 1940 to the present: 1940s, Marjorie Gallaher and Helen Olin Roberts; 1950s, Lucille Mathis and Jeannine Shafer-Flint; 1960s, Donita Banks and Betty Trotter; 1970s, Margaret Cotter and Betty Metzger; 1980s, Mary Jane Frohardt and Dorothy Nelson; 1990s, Ardice Garrels and Dee Netzel; and 2000s, Martha Lobmeyer and Rita Jo Tensly. An SAI song,

with Rita Jo Tensly at the piano, was used for each segment and sung by all present.

The formal meeting began with several ceremonies: initiated as Friends of the Arts were Charles Bogard, William Flint, Clem Hanson and Ian Rousom, all husbands of active Denver Alumnae members; new affiliates were Caren Diebold and Phyllis Rudduck; and award recipients Mary Hanson, Rose of Honor, and Martha Lobmeyer, Rose of Dedication. (See profiles of these new members on page 7.)

## Chapter Service Projects

By Dee Netzel

We will again share some of our chapter programs with the Denver community as part of our Local Service Projects. The "Romances and Nocturnes under a Harvest Moon" program will be repeated at Porter Place on November 2 and at the Gardens at Columbine on November 16. Sara Keene, French horn, Kirk Prichard, clarinet and saxophone and Dee Netzel, piano will share the October 20 music with residents of both retirement communities.



Musicians Sara Keene, Kirk Prichard and Dee Netzel will repeat their wonderful performance from the October meeting for residents of two Denver retirement communities



Denver Alumnae members Mary Hanson and Martha Lobmeyer received the Rose of Honor and Rose of Dedication (respectively) at the September meeting.

## Chapter Chatter

**DONNA CHASE** recently returned from a 3 week trip to Europe. She was able to experience many concerts of wonderful music. The highlight of her trip was the opportunity to play two different organs. The first was at St. Peter's Cathedral in Vienna. The second was a very small organ in the town of Wertheim. The opportunity was arranged by the famous glass blower, Karl Ittig. The organ has been in his wife's family for over a hundred years.

The last week of August and the first week of September, **MARTHA LOBMEYER** and Hank traveled to Portugal for a tour of the country. Although Portugal is a small country, there was an awful lot to see, and they crammed a lot into the time they were there. They knew very little about Portugal before they went, but had an absolutely wonderful tour guide who gave them loads of information about the country, its history, politics, customs, music, food, industries, horticulture, you name it. It was a wonderful trip, and they now know a lot more about Portugal. It's also a very photogenic country, as evidenced by the 1600

pictures they took.

Martha has played several Denver Concert Band Concerts and Show & Tell Band performances in various venues. She also joined the Golden Eagle Band for concerts on October 3 & 4. Martha also has a new great-granddaughter, Ellie, (her 4th great-grandchild) born in August.

**BETTY AND JOHN METZGER'S** Broomfield home and the surrounding 152 acres of farmland was purchased in 2006 by the Broomfield-Westminster Open Space Foundation for \$11 million. Pending approval by both City Councils and their Open Space and Trails Advisory Committees, the master plan for preservation of the property, with modest exterior restoration to the 10 buildings, will be developed over the next several years. Bill Metzger and Karen Metzger Keithley (an SAI Patroness), Betty and John's children, turned down several offers over the years to buy the farmland for development. The farm's storied history includes a visit from former President Dwight D. Eisenhower in the 1950s. John W. Metzger was Colorado Attorney General

form 1948-1950 and unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1953. He died in 1984. Betty Metzger, 64 year member of SAI and longtime member of Denver Alumnae Chapter, passed away on February 19, 2008. (See a complete bio in the May, 2008, issue of Staff Signals.) (Submitted by Donita Banks. Donita thanks Jeannine Shafer-Flint for supplying her with this information.)

**LIANE ROCKLEY** was featured in an interview about the family business located at 8555 W. Colfax in the Lakewood/Edgewater "YourHub" section of the Denver Post on October 15, 2009. The business was founded in 1946 and Liane, who is vice president, came into it when she married Tobin Rockley. The store was the largest record dealer in the 1960s and is now the only full-line music store in Colorado that sells pianos. (Submitted by Donita Banks.)



Donita Banks and Linda Rolf Portray active members Marjorie Gallaher and Helen Olin Roberts in one part of their performance for the September Anniversary Kick-Off Event.

## Chapter Fundraisers

**Make-It, Bake-It, Sew-It, Grow It Sale** will be held at the **November 22** meeting at Atonement Lutheran Church. Bring your homemade/homegrown goodies to sell and support our chapter!

**Holiday Cards for National Officers** will be sent with *your* signature! For \$3 you can have your signature added to the

cards. The cards will be mailed to NEB members in time for the winter holiday season.

As always, remember to bring your loose pocket change for **Pan's Pennies from Heaven!**

## Upcoming Member Performances

Consider supporting our sisters as they perform in our community!

Lucy Garrett, piano and Rosanne Sterne, flute

Friday, January 22, 2010, 7:30 PM

St. John's Cathedral Concert Series

1350 Washington St, Denver, Colorado 80203

Montveiw Presbyterian Church

Mary Hanson and Marcia Whitcomb, singers; John Kuzma, director.

Sunday, December 6, 5:00 PM. Concert. Rutter's *Gloria* and seasonal favorites.

Sunday, December 13, 5:00 PM. Lessons and Carols. Choir, Instruments, & Organ.

Thursday, December 24, 11:00 PM. Choir, Instruments, & Organ.



## Soon We'll Be Seventy (Continued)

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sary: an initiation ceremony, a tea at the Brown Palace Hotel and a musicale at the home of Marjorie Minton, Denver Alumnae member.

Several Scholarship Benefit Concerts were held, including John Kuzma, organist, 1990; Colorado Children's Chorale, Duain Wolfe, conductor, 1991; David Wehr, pianist, 1992; Ariel Trio--Tamara Mullikin, David Mullikin, Susan Cable, 1992; Julie Simson, mezzo-soprano, Therese Stewart, pianist, 1994; "A Russian Musical Feast", Beverly Fernald, soprano, Alla Renjina, pianist, 1995; and



Martha Lobmeyer teaching music to students at the Havern Center in the spring 2000.

Lori Sims, pianist, 1999. Denver Alumnae Chapter joined with Delta Omicron (and a few times with Mu Phi Epsilon) to present Pan-Hellenic Musicales annually from 1990, with JoAnne Kyhl as chair. The Denver

Trio, Ann Hutchins, Delorus Netzel and Jane Wyss, performed at the SAI National Convention in Minneapolis in 1990. Two notable celebrations included a 50th birthday celebration on March 10, 1990, at the home of Ardice Garrels, and a 60th birthday party on March 21, 2000, at the home of Donita Banks. The chapter also continued SAI Day at Central City Opera every summer. (See details about these and other events on pages 44 and 45 of our 2009-2010 yearbook.)

Denver Alumnae received recognition on a province and national level throughout the decade, in part for two important community service projects in which members participated: the String Project, chaired by Louanne Shelton in 1994 and 1995, and the Havern Project, coordinated by Natalie Blecher, long-time volunteer at the Havern Center. From 1999-2000, members Donita Banks, Betty Fass, Martha Lobmeyer and Rita Jo Tensly taught music to Havern students, various members presented programs and the chapter provided money to tune pianos at the school. The Havern Project resulted in the chapter being awarded the National Annelle Chandler McAdams Service Project Award for 1999-2000. The most exciting recognition was winning our first National Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award in 1998. (Other awards for the decade are listed on p. 41 of the yearbook.)

The home of Bev and Bill Evans provided the setting for the chapter's very first "sweetheart" dinner in February, 1995, suggested by Louanne Shelton, who



Betty Fass, Donita Banks and Rita Jo Tensly celebrate the chapter's 60th anniversary March 21, 2000.

brought the idea from the Seattle Alumnae Chapter. The name was soon changed to the "Roses-in-Winter" dinner and it has been one of the chapter's most popular annual events. It is just one of the ways we keep our SAI friendships alive and well.

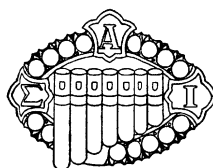
## Thank you, Sisters!

My heartfelt thanks to all of our members who have already contributed significantly to our 70th anniversary celebration, especially: Mary Hanson for providing tables and other props at the September meeting, to Linda Rolf for her marvelous script for the September program and her many other creative ideas and suggestions, to Rita Jo Tensly for accompanying the SAI songs at the September meeting and for working on the planning committee, to Kristin Rousom for purchasing the balloons (donated by me) and bringing them to the September meeting, to Dee Netzel for her work on the musicale after the dinner and on the planning committee and to all the Board members for their wholehearted and generous support of this project.

Donita Banks

I want to thank the chapter for honoring me with the Wreath of Achievement. This recognition pin is new to Sigma Alpha Iota. It recognizes involvement in the local chapter, at the national level and in the community. I will wear it proudly. Thank you, sisters!

Roses,  
Dee Netzel



Denver Alumnae chapter surprised Dee Netzel with the Wreath of Achievement at the October meeting.

## Please Welcome Our New Affiliates!

By Mary Nichols

**CAREN GRIFFEN DIEBOLD** is from San Diego. She attended college at San Diego State University. She was a music major in piano, then switched to voice with a minor in library science. In 1987, Caren was initiated into Iota Delta Chapter at San Diego State University. She was married in the Mojave Desert, and she and her husband have three children.

In 1980, Caren and her family moved to Colorado, where she danced with the Colorado Ballet and in 1992 graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a Bachelor in Music Education. While studying at CU, Caren sang in the operas and the Collegium. Since graduating, Caren has been teaching and sewing.

**PHYLLIS WELTY RUDDUCK** grew up in Mishawaka, Indiana. She attended Indiana State for two years and Texas Wesleyan for three. Phyllis received a Music Education degree with a major in voice upon graduation, and later received a Master's in Psychology from North

Texas State. Phyllis was married and has two grown children.

After having children, she went back to school and was a classroom teacher and elementary music teacher. Phyllis also taught at Tarleton State College, an affiliate of Texas A & M. She enjoyed a thirty-year teaching career. Phyllis was initiated at Indiana State University into Iota Eta chapter in 1944. Because her husband was in government services, their family traveled a lot, living in many states. She has been a member of several alumnae chapters, including Washington, D.C., Fort Worth, and Phoenix. Phyllis presently works for Home-In-Stead. Musically, she sings in the Highlands Ranch Chorale and plays viola in the Lone Tree Orchestra.



Phyllis Rudduck and Caren Diebold affiliated at the September 2009 meeting.

## Introducing Our New Friends of the Arts

**CHARLES (CHUCK) BOGARD** became involved in music while in middle school when he began taking piano lessons. A Denver native, he graduated from East High School and the University of Colorado at Boulder. He studied Mechanical Engineering and upon graduation worked for the Rocky Flats Atomic Energy Plant for 42 years. Chuck met his wife, Donna, at CU while serving as president of Theta Xi, and encouraged her to join SAI, to which she had been recently invited. Throughout their marriage, he has been as strong supporter of the arts and SAI. He has run errands for Eta Kappa, Alpha

Phi and Denver Alumnae Chapters, and drove the Eta Kappa officers to a National Convention in Chicago to be installed. He is also supportive of Donna's musical activities outside of the fraternity, attending concerts and singing in choirs. Both of their children are now professional musicians, due to their parents encouragement and support in the arts.

**WILLIAM (BILL) H. FLINT** is also a Denver native. At the age of nine, he was given a cornet, and took lessons for many years. In high school he played in band and orchestra, as well as other local bands, even after graduation. Bill has 3 children, 5 grand-children, and 8 great-grand-children, all of whom he has encouraged to be actively involved in some kind of music. Bill loves to listen to good music. He supports the arts and is a good spokesman for music. He supports his wife, Jeannine, a musician in the Sigma Alpha Iota Denver Alumnae Chapter. He is always encouraging her piano students. He attends SAI functions and community programs (Broomfield Festival of Arts and Choir Concerts). Bill actively supports Jeannine in her SAI endeavors, and does behind the scenes assistance for the group.

**CLEM HANSON** has been involved in music since the fifth grade. Growing up in Kansas City, Kansas, he learned clarinet, saxophone and flute. In 1972, Clem graduated from Kansas University with a B.S. in Chemistry. While at KU, he met Mary, his wife. They were married in 1974. In 1976, He graduated from Kansas City University with a Doctor of Osteopathy degree. Clem and Mary moved a lot with the army, both in the U.S. and Germany. In 1984, Clem earned a Master's in Public Health from Johns Hopkins and then served in the Gulf War in Iraq and in Honduras in 1991. Clem has always been supportive of SAI. When Mary hosts he sets up chairs, cleans up afterwards, and does all of the meat cooking for the SAI potlucks. He attends all of Mary's SAI functions, Roses-In-Winter Dinner, and the Montview Choir performances in which Mary sings. Now that his children have finished their music lessons, Clem is taking flute lessons with flautist Dennis Rowly.

**IAN D.E. ROUSOM** has been involved in music since the age of six, when he began taking piano lessons in Canada. When he was 13, he began to study

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Friends of the Arts Initiates (L to R): Ian Rousom, William Flint, Charles Bogard, Clem Hanson. September 2009 meeting.

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trombone, and shortly thereafter, his family moved to Fort Collins, CO. Throughout junior and senior high school, Ian was active in many school ensembles including Fort Collins High School's marching, concert, symphonic and jazz bands. At Colorado State University, he studied chemistry and computer science, but also completed a minor in music. He sang tenor in Chamber Singers and played trombone in almost every major instrumental ensemble at CSU. In 1998, Ian became a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and served in several offices and committees throughout his studies at CSU. Ian has been supportive of his wife, Kristin, in her endeavors to be fully active in the Denver Alumnae Chapter, especially by taking care of their young daughter while she is at board and chapter meetings. He has also performed with Kristin during the May 2009 meeting and helps her with editing and proofing the newsletter and yearbook directory.

## Save the Date!

### *Festive Dinner to Celebrate Our Chapter's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Please make plans now to attend!



Sunday, March 7, 2010  
Lakewood United Methodist Church  
1390 Brentwood St., Lakewood, CO 80214  
5:30 PM Social Time  
6:00 PM Dinner and Birthday Party  
8:00 PM Musicale (John Heins & Marilyn Nelson will perform)  
Dinner Cost: \$20.00 per person.

Invitations will be mailed during the week of January 18, 2010 to about 75 members.

A Sign-Up List will be passed at the November 22 meeting. Please consider helping on one of the several committees that are needed to make this event a success.

Committee: Donita Banks, chair; Dee Netzel, program; Linda Rolf, history events; Rita Jo Tensly, invitations.

(Please call or e-mail Donita with comments or questions.)

## Coming Up - November Meeting

By JoAnne Kyhl

The November 22 meeting will feature the music of Sibelius, which is the result of my attending the 2008 Sibelius Festival in Finland. Sibelius received many foreign visitors during his long lifetime and among them was Denverite Antonia Brico (1903-1986). Dr. Brico studied conducting with Karl Muck in Berlin. Muck premiered several of Sibelius' symphonies.

Two movements of the Sibelius String Quintet in G major will be performed by Kathryn Snell, Dorothy Nelson - violins, JoAnne Kyhl - viola, Judy Hershiser - cello, and Linda Rolf - piano. Wilma Parsons will sing two Sibelius songs which demonstrate his "love of nature". The woodwind portion of the program will feature Andrea Wiseman - flute, Lyn Davies - oboe, and Dee Netzel - piano.

Hope to see you at Atonement Lutheran Church on November 22!

### Directions to Atonement Lutheran Church

Take I-25 to US-6 West. Take US-6 West to S. Sheridan Ave. Turn south (left) onto S. Sheridan Ave. and travel to W. Yale Ave. Take Yale west (right) to S. Lamar Way (on right). Turn north (right) onto S. Lamar Way. Turn right into the parking lot. Park on the west side of the parking lot, near the sanctuary.

