

HOME ON THE MUSICAL RANGE

The **Wichita Alumni** chapter has produced its annual fundraiser “Homes in Harmony” for forty-seven years, partnering with local homeowners who host tours of their unique residences while chapter members provide refreshments and entertainment. The home tour has become more innovative each year, but the 2018 version will be hard to top because it was a true destination tour – to a working buffalo ranch.

Tour chair **Bea Kirkham** (*Xi*) – who was event co-chair for 24 years with her late mother Lois Gordon (*Phi Pi*) and has been sole chair for 17 years – coordinated the event along with committee members **Shelley Closson**, **Janis Danders**, **Marilyn Hitchcock**, and **Marjorie Walton**. Bea writes, “The new, western-themed ranch house was constructed of beetle-killed lodge pole pine from Colorado, and was a veritable museum of the trapper/buffalo/Indian era. The hosts provided two golf carts to take people to and from the corral where they could easily see the buffalo, including some newborn calves.

“The tour went smoothly, was very well attended, the weather was perfect. The only disappointment was that the buffalo were not interested in coming to us for goodies. They were content with grazing the real thing.” Inside the home, chapter members were posted in each room for security and to tell guests about its unique features. Nearly three hundred guests attended the event, and the chapter netted over \$4,000 for operations and scholarships.



Committee members in trapper headgear.



Kings of the Tone Age barbershop quartet included *Phi Pi* members.



FINAL NOTES

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Betsy Jo Angebrannt

Alpha Eta, April 27, 1975

Washington D.C. Alumni

Died February 21, 2018

Composer, music educator. Betsy taught piano and music in three states. She was a member of Maryland Music Teachers Association, received composition awards from Bowie Fine Arts Center and Kennedy Center, and Maryland State Teachers Association composer of the year in 2000.



Elaine V. Roth Carlson

Epsilon

Alpha, April 8,

2000

Minneapolis-St.

Paul Alumni

Died April 14, 2018

Pianist, educator, writer. Elaine was a member of AAUW and P.E.O.



Beatrice Nilsson Carney

Mu Chi, December

2, 1983

Dallas Alumni

Died January 28,

2018

Pianist, educator.

Beatrice taught piano and was the author of *Tips for Teachers*. She was a member of Dallas Southwest Music Teachers Association, Texas MTA, MTNA, and founder of a group teaching movement in the Dallas area.

Janet Alice Elder Flake

Mu Zeta, May 20, 1946

Spokane Alumni

Died February 11, 2015

Vocalist, pianist, dancer.

Theresa Hinrichsen

Gamma Alpha, December 18, 1984

Died November 12, 2017

Music educator. Theresa taught piano, clarinet, and flute in her private studio. She was a charter member of Northern Idaho Music Teachers Association.



Jean Frances Haynes Juell

Mu Nu, May 14,

1953

Died May 18, 2018

Vocalist. An active community volunteer, Jean had served as president

of the USC Thornton School of Music Alumni Association.

Shirley Brooks Kerckhoff

Mu Phi, October 17, 1937

Died August 3, 2017

Augusta Helen Mueller Knechtel

Xi, November 14, 1934

Died January 26, 2018

Secretary, community volunteer.



Alice Skorepa Kolarek

Phi Omicron,

March 24, 1946

Died November 15,

2017

Pianist, organist, church musician.

Alice served several Ohio churches. An avid traveler, she played the autoharp in Israel while visiting there in 1974.



Wilma Jean Andrew Meckstroth

Sigma, November

11, 1947

Dayton Alumni

Died May 13, 2018

Pianist, organist.

Wilma founded the Dayton Organ Academy and was a member of the Dayton American Guild of Organists. She served as an officer of Dayton Piano Teachers Study Club, Ohio Music Teachers National Association, and American Guild of Organists, and received many honors from these organizations.



Laura Nell

Harris Mitchell

Mu Kappa, May 25,

1942

Dallas Alumni

Died February 16,

2018

Pianist, harpist.

Laura taught piano in her home. She was a member and past president of Dallas Music Teachers Association and American Harp Society-Dallas.



Beverly J. Jobs Modlin

Omega, May 18,

1956

Died October 2016

Pianist, organist, choir director.

Beverly had a

private piano studio, was an active church musician, and was a member of Northwest Music Teachers Association, Illinois MTA, and P.E.O.

Mary Beth Root Morris

Mu Beta, April 5, 1944

Died 2015

Sharon Mason Ollison

Mu Theta, April 10, 1963

Washington DC Alumni

Died February 22, 2018

Organist, harpsichordist. Sharon served churches in the D.C. area, was organist for Fort Myer Chapel in Arlington Cemetery, harpsichord soloist at Dunbarton Museum, and taught at Washington International School.

Martha Dunlop Peterson

Epsilon Iota, March 23, 1949

Died December 29, 2017

Pianist, linguist, writer. Fluent in seven languages, Martha traveled internationally with the Peace Corps to teach English as a second language; her last teaching assignment was in India in 2001. She was a member of the Redwood Empire Branch of California Writers, one of several who were classical musicians.

Henrietta Sanderson Phelps

Mu Gamma, November 2, 1933

Died February 18, 2018

Helen Ilene Drongeson Sievertson

Mu Epsilon, October 5, 1941

Died September 28, 2016

Pianist, organist, church musician.



Mildred Severs Stacy

Mu Alpha,

November 11, 1936

Died February 2,

2011

Pianist, vocalist, organist. Mildred taught voice in

Iowa schools and was a church organist and choral conductor. She was a member of National Society of Arts-Iowa and P.E.O.



Doris M. Gulsrud Swanson
Mu Beta,
 November 16,
 1940
Spokane Alumni
 Died February
 14, 2018

Organist, pianist. Church organist for 37 years. Doris established the Ham and Regal Theater at Ferris High School. She was a member of Washington State Music Teachers, American Guild of Organists, Spokane Civic Theater, and P.E.O.

STERLING PATRON

Olly Wilson

Died March 12, 2018



Composer, music educator. Olly was an internationally known composer and professor emeritus at University of California-Berkeley. Numerous top-tier orchestras around the world performed his works that integrated African, African-American, and electronic styles into Western classical music. He was a 1992 Mu Phi Epsilon Sterling Patron and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1995.

APPLAUSE & ENCORE news from members and chapters

Members and alumni of **Beta Alpha** performed twice in June as singers with the back-up choir for renowned tenor Andrea Bocelli and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Concerts were at the Hollywood Bowl on June 20 and the Valley View Casino Center, San Diego, on June 21.

Front row, l-r: Tasha Miller, Gabbie Poveda, Danielle Pribyl, Emily Weinberg, Maggie Frost, Jocelyn Garcia, Nina Cremer
Back row: Dave Holben, Michael McFadden, Jackie Reeff, Andrew Hernandez, Jacob Hall, Kristen Jones, Tanner Wilson, Luke Verseput, Ayanna Lewis, Jessica Hetrick, Katie Martini, Omar Rodriguez



Clarinetist **Jeanine York Garesche** (*Mu Gamma, St. Louis Area Alumni*, third from left in photo) performed in February with the Equinox Chamber Players woodwind quintet at a concert on the Illinois College Fine Arts Series.



Flutist **Adam Sadberry** (*Mu Upsilon*) is a Detroit Symphony African-American Fellow for the 2018-2019 season. He will perform with the DSO, work with tenured mentors, represent the orchestra in the community, and participate in mock auditions. Adam is a Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist who has received awards and recognition in competitions including the U.S. Army Band Pershing's Own, YoungArts, National Association of Negro Musicians, and Houston Symphony League. He has been active with Mu Upsilon and performed for *Rochester Alumni's* Founders Day celebration.





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