

# Sigma Alpha Iota

## Volusia County Alumnae Chapter

*Vita Brevis, Ars Longa*

**A Bi-Monthly Newsletter** **Issue No 2 Sept/ Oct**

Sigma Alpha Iota National Convention was held on August 3-6 in Atlanta, GA. Sharla Mercado was our Chapter's Delegate.

**Sharla Mercado and Liana Valente** performed during the Welcome Luncheon of 850 sisters receiving a standing ovation.



**Sisters**  
*Enjoying a formal dinner.*



**Lambda C Banner**

*So proud to be a sister of the Lambda C Province.*

**Our chapter donated a \$50.00 gift card** to the Day Shelter for Women and Children at the convention.

**Phlea Phlam**  
*Our chapter sold \$857.00 worth of products. We donated \$172.00 to SAI Philanthropies.*



## SAI National Executive Board 2012-2015

- National President** - Leslie Odom Miller
- National Vice President, Collegiate Chapters** - Christine Bruns
- National Vice President, Alumnae Chapters** - Sue Bermann
- National Vice President, Extension** - Marcie Richardson
- National Vice President, Fraternity Development** - Joyce Garcia
- National Vice President, Finance** - Jennifer Zerangue
- National Vice President, Ritual and Fraternity Education** - Deb Volker
- Executive Director** - Ruth Sieber Johnson
- Province Officer, Lambda C** - Amy Wolek
- Regional Officer** - Mary Thomas



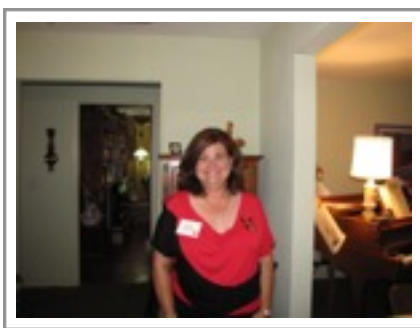


# Sigma Alpha Iota

## Volusia County Alumnae Chapter

### Supports

“The mission of **Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc.** is to support the educational and charitable goals of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity through philanthropic endeavors.” - SAI Philanthropies has donated \$300,000.00 in grants and awards since the 2009 National Convention.



Our website has been linked to the SAI National Website and is updated as the editor receives new information. Please visit the website if you need information about the Calendar, Pictures, Concerts, Newsletters, Officers and Committee Chairs.

Please send your updates and/or pictures to

[vsredroses@gmail.com](mailto:vsredroses@gmail.com)

Our web address is: <http://www.saivcac.yolasite.com>

**Evites for Meetings:** will be sent out a week, by Chris Leese, before our Meetings. Please respond quickly. As per Appendix C, please contact the President if you are going to miss a meeting. Please give her your vote on an issue or let her know who your proxy is.



*Can you identify the singer? Send your answer to the editor. Picture taken at the SAI National Convention in Atlanta.*

### Sisters in the News

**Sandra Perry** has begun her new music teaching career as a choral director at Liberty Middle School in Orlando.

**Barb Larson** will be asst. director/organist at Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church as well as still working at Stetson University.

### Chapter Dues:

September 30, 2012  
DEADLINE

Makes checks payable to:  
SAI VCAC in the amount of \$30.00. Turn them into Gwen at Sept. Meeting or mail them to her.



**Sisters from Lambda C - SAI Convention in Atlanta**

### VCAC 2012-2013

### Committee Chairs

Service- Sharla Mercado

Philanthropies- Valerie Seinfeld

Social- Kristin Woolard

By Laws- Patty Fort

Fundraising- Gwen Perney

Honors- Mary Young

We want to thank our VCAC Sisters for volunteering to chair these committees and those who serve with them. Also a special thank you goes to those sisters who are hosting our meetings in their homes.



Concert was held at the SAI National Convention in Atlanta

Volusia County Alumnae Chapter was awarded the following for 2011-2012:  
*Annelle Chandler McAdams Alumnae Service Project Award- Category 2*  
*Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award for Lambda C.*

## Meeting Schedule, Events, Concerts, and Birthdays

### Chapter Meetings

**Sept. 17\*** *Formal*  
 Patty Fort 6:30pm  
**Oct. 16**  
 Stetson U 7:00pm  
**Nov. 17**  
 Jennie Lee noon  
**Jan. 7**  
 Amy Crane 6:30pm  
**Feb. 16**  
 Chris Leese 9:30am  
**March 18**  
 Sharla Mercado 6:30pm  
**April 15**  
 Rose Grace 6:30pm  
**May 4\*** *Formal*  
 Rabel Parson 9:30am

### Events

**Sept. 29**  
**Instrument Petting Zoo**  
 9am– Stetson  
**Welcome Luncheon**  
 Noon –Stetson  
**Oct. 16**  
**“King of Instruments”  
 Musicale –Stetson**  
 7:00pm  
**Nov. 17**  
**Eta Pi Scholarship  
 Competition–Stetson**  
 Feasel Hall, Time:TBA  
**Province Weekend**  
 TBA–late Jan.

### Concerts

**Cameron Huster**  
**9/14–Boieldieu Harp  
 Concerto 7:30pm**  
 Stetson  
**Rose Grace**  
**9/7 –Two pianos and  
 percussion. 7:30pm**  
 Stetson  
**Julia Hood–Musical  
 Director of “South  
 Pacific” Athens Theater**  
 –Sept.  
 21,22,23,27,28,29,30  
 and Oct. 5,6,7. Friday.  
 Saturday 7:30 pm  
 Sundays 2:30 pm.

### Birthdays

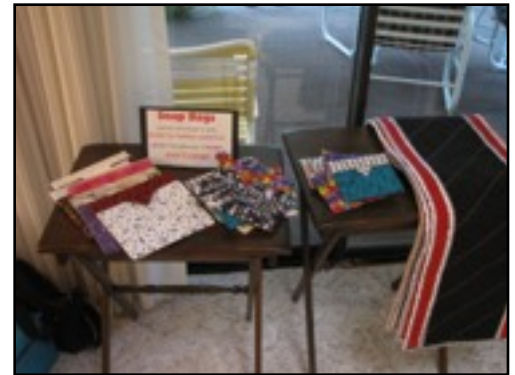
**September**  
 18 Gwen Perney  
 21 Julia Hood  
 22 Cameron Huster  
**October**  
 16 Charlaine Free  
 19 Jennie Lee

*\* all the dates shown can  
 also be reviewed on our  
 chapter website:  
[http://  
 saivcac.yolasite.com](http://saivcac.yolasite.com)*



**July 21, 2012 Service/Social Event**

**Phlam Phlam Creations**

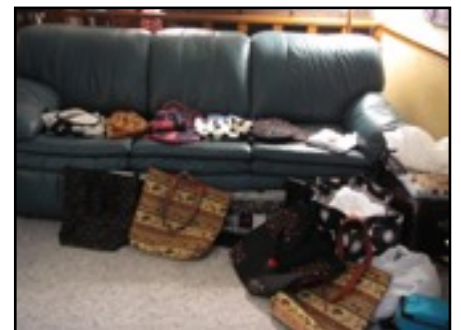


On July 21, 2012, our chapter enjoyed a Service/Social event at the home of Eva Lurtz. Sandra Perry, our Vice President of Programs and Fraternity ED, suggested we mailed CD recordings to our men and women of the Armed Services at our Executive Board meeting in June. The committee consisted of Sandra Perry, Jennie Lee and Valerie Seinfeld. Valerie Seinfeld asked for a donation of 50 CD's from a local new artist, KG Omulo. He was honored to be asked and sent us "Ayah Ye! Moving Train" named Best Debut CD in the Best of 2011 List. With CD's donated, Jennie Lee picked up all the wrapping supplies and note cards.

Some of the sisters wrapped the CD's and others wrote a note of information about SAI and expressing gratitude for their service to our country. These notes were then attached to each CD. Barb attached a Rose sticker and Sandra Perry drove the CD's to the USO in Jacksonville. Needless to say the USO was "thrilled".

**Sisters working together...**

Mary Young, Barb Larson and Valerie Seinfeld started planning and working on their Phlea Phlam projects back in July of 2011. Mary's tee shirts have always sold well, this year she added totes, aprons, hot pads. Barb brought to us snap bags in 3 sizes and lovely table runners. **SOLD OUT**





**Province Officer, Region 6**

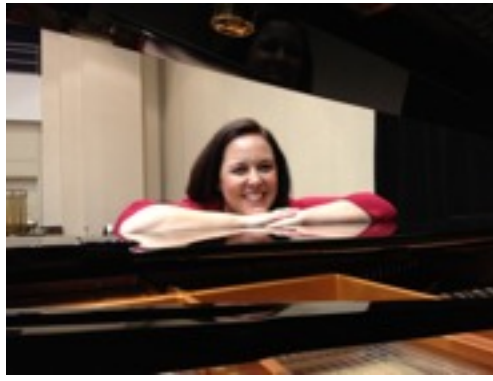
## **Amy Wolek**

Our own Amy Wolek and her family are currently living in Norway until the end of January 2013. Her husband, Dr. Nathan Wolek, associate professor of digital art at Stetson University, was awarded a Fulbright grant to spend six months in Norway this fall. During that time, he will work on significant enhancements and extensions to Jamoma, an open-source software library for computer musicians at the Bergen Center for Electronic Arts.

Amy will continue to be very active as our Province Officer and Sharla Mercado will be the Assistant Province Officer. All communications with our Province Officer will include both Amy and Sharla.

Amy will also be homeschooling her 2 girls in Norway.

We are very proud of Amy as she also was nominated for a national office. When you think about it, we are very fortunate to have such dedicated leadership in our own region.



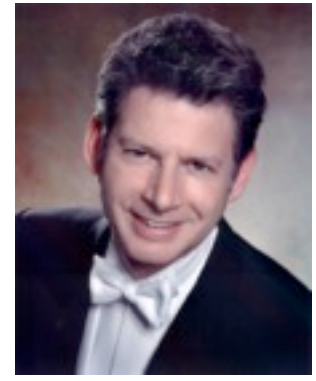
**President of VCAC**

## **Sharla Mercado**

Sharla Mercado was very busy at this year's National Convention.

Sharla, our chapter's delegate, also performed at the convention's Welcome Luncheon, managed the Phlea Phlam event, was nominated for 2 national offices, requiring that she deliver a speech on why she would love to serve at the national level of Sigma Alpha Iota, in the offices she was nominated for, she also prepared a session on the successful service project she brought to our chapter 5 years ago, the "Instrument Petting Zoo" with 35 in attendance. Preparing for one of these tasks would have been enough. We know Sharla as a Sigma Alpha Iota sister with a passion for music, excellence and service.

We are happy to have her as our President for the fourth time. We are extremely proud of her. Sharla strives to honor her commitment to all of Sigma Alpha Iota's ideals. She is a lifetime sister.



**Donald McCullough**

**Distinguished Member 2011**

**Director of the Jacksonville  
Symphony Chorus**

**Schedule of Events 2012-2013**

**Karolju, Christopher Rouse**

**in Jacoby Hall**

**8 Nov- 7:30pm**

**9,10 Nov- 8:30 pm Concert**

**Beethoven Symphony No 9**

**in Peabody Hall**

**17- Nov 8:00 pm**

**Messiah, Handel**

**in Jacoby Hall**

**21- Dec 8:00 pm**

**Otello, Verdi**

**Moran Theater**

**9- Feb 8:00 pm**

**War Requiem, Benjamin Britten**

**in Jacoby Hall**

**17,18- May 8:00 pm**

**Instrument Petting Zoo!**

All ages! No charge!

- \* See musical instruments up close
- \* Play an instrument
- \* Enjoy a snack

Saturday  
September 29, 2012  
10:00 to noon  
Presser Hall  
Stetson University  
421 N. Woodland Avenue

**Bring a friend!**

Info: Call 822-8950

Sponsors: Volusia County Alumnae and Eta Pi Chapters,  
Sigma Alpha Iota  
Stetson University School of Music  
Stetson Community School of Music  
DeLand Discount Music





The Instrument Petting Zoo is just around the corner. I know you are asking yourself, **“what can I do to help?”** Our President emailed the chapter a copy of the above flyer. Print out several copies and hand them out to schools, to Sunday School Teachers of preschool and elementary age children. Post the Flyer at your doctor’s, dentist’s, ice cream parlors, at other meetings you attend, post it on Facebook. Word of mouth is wonderful too.

Our Welcome Luncheon is at noon following the Instrument Petting Zoo. This is always a fun event and a good way to get to know our collegiate sisters of Eta Pi. Eta Pi is hosting Province Weekend at the end of January or the beginning of February. Again, I know you are asking, **“what can I bring to the Welcome Luncheon?”** Last year was such a successful event, let’s do it again. So even if you are unable to attend our September meeting or

perhaps the event itself, we still need your help. So look for an email or a call letting you know what we need. It is always encouraging to the Social Chair, Kristin Woolard, when you go ahead and email her what you are bringing or ask her what should you bring, it will save her a great deal of time.

“We help one another in our work and assist each other in every way.”

*Roses, Valerie Seinfeld, Editor*