

# Oak Park Alumnae Chapter

## 65 Years of Music

- Interest group is formed
- Eleven SAIs gather at the Oak Park Arms to discuss forming an Alumnae Chapter. Astrid Mattson is elected president and they leave as “The West Suburban SAI Alumnae Group”
  - Chapter beings tradition of meeting on Sunday afternoons in order to enjoy good music, lively company, philanthropy, and eating dessert before dinner.

<p>1941</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter applies for Charter</li> <li>• On October 13, National President installs chapter at 304 N. Grove, Oak Park (Home of Mrs. George Boyles). Alva Sonder is elected as first chapter president</li> </ul>	<p>1944</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Yearbook Printed</li> <li>• Scholarship Fund begins</li> <li>• Chapter holds Musical Tea to raise funds</li> <li>• Chapter takes part in an Interchapter Musical at the Chicago Musical College</li> <li>• Ladies close the year with a dinner held at the Carlton Hotel of Oak Park</li> </ul>	<p>1948</p> <p>Chapter raises money for Schools in the Philip-pines</p>	<p>1949</p> <p>18 women take part in the chapter chorus</p>
		<p>1950</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicago Convention. Pan’s head for year-book drawn by Florence Ruden</li> <li>• Alice Brainard is a delegate to national convention</li> </ul>	

<p>1946</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nancy Carr initiated as honorary member by Gamma and Oak Park</li> <li>• Minutes reflect discussion “taking colored people into SAI” after communication for National President Kathleen Davidson</li> <li>• Chapter holds a “Patroness Tea”</li> <li>• Chapter gets its own stationery</li> </ul>	<p>1947</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Music Makers of SAI” interchapter performance</li> <li>• First chapter chorus conducted by Alice Brainard – rehearsals were hard to plan</li> <li>• Chapter contributes \$250 to the Foundation Fund for the Golden Anniversary convention</li> <li>• Florence Ruden makes a cut for the yearbook</li> <li>• Chapter makes sachets as favors for convention</li> </ul>	<p>1948</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nora Moore asks the girls to help with table decorations for the Golden Anniversary Banquet</li> <li>• Advance registration for convention is \$5.00</li> <li>• White Elephant auction held at the Christmas Program nets \$44.20</li> <li>• Oak Park Public Library receives gift of SAI Musical Recordings Modern Music Series (value \$3.00)</li> </ul>	
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<p>1951</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First scholarship benefit</li> <li>• Chapter makes contribution to WTTW</li> <li>• Christmas Vespers Service held at the home of Elva Haymum (339 S Harvey) Oak Park</li> </ul>	<p>1952</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Concert Clears \$130</li> <li>• First Annual Scholarship given to Mary Sauer</li> <li>• Annual Concert brings in \$168 toward scholarship fund. Two girls from Omega chapter receive \$100 each</li> <li>• Province retreat is held</li> </ul>	<p>1953</p> <p>Chapter gives Omega Chapter a candelabra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred TV Programs voted on by the Chapter: Voice of Firestone and The Nutcracker Suite</li> <li>• Christmas Vespers</li> <li>• Chapter holds Creative Art Sale and nets \$175</li> <li>• Hostess fee is \$35</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation dinner held at The Carlton.</li> <li>• Delegate’s convention expenses were \$230</li> <li>• Ethel Bullard created “Teachers Manual Course”</li> <li>• Braille project approved</li> </ul>
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<p>1954</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvest Home Supper started</li> <li>• Members learn Braille transcription for Hadley School and Bold Notes</li> </ul>	<p>1956</p> <p>Ethel Bullard receives the Ring of Excellence at convention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oak Park Alumnae Chapter receives Alumnae Service Award for volunteer hours in community service.</li> <li>• Musical Tour of Europe” performed in schools</li> </ul>	<p>1957</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefit Concert is at Alenheim Old People’s Home</li> <li>• “Growing with Music” – sponsoring private lessons for needy students is main program</li> </ul>	<p>1958</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musicale for DuPage Convalescent Home in Wheaton</li> <li>• Annual Affiliation Brunch at the Drake in Oak Brook</li> <li>• Gamma and Oak Park initiate Lady Valerie Solti</li> <li>• Chapter strives to fulfill national objectives, entitled “Reaching our Potential”</li> </ul>
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1963                      1968                      1970                      1971                      1972

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- Oak Park serves as hostess for the Chicago Chapter. Program theme: "Pan in My Rose Bed"
- Chapter has a "fun brunch"
- Chapter is awarded National Program Award based on the work of program chair Mary Ann Sadilek

1972

- "Growing with Music" adds a cellist to the rooster of students helped by the chapter
- Benefit concert earns the chapter \$227
- March meeting concludes with inspired fraternity singing "with reluctance to break the spell that bound us as one."
- 28 members attend Annual Installation Brunch. Margery Neff decorates the tables.
- Chapter receives Gamma Province Achievement Award

- Benefit Concert held at Altenhim Auditorium
- Chapter supports Pan's Cottage at McDowell Colony
- Chapter establishes SAI American Music Fund for Oak Park River Forest Civic Symphony
- Growing with Music sponsors nine needy students
- Chapter selects "Whose Afraid of Opera – Joan Sullivan and the Bach Mass in B Minor" as it's choice for the Annual Television Awards

- Five honorary members appearing at Ravinia were presented with notes and handkerchiefs by Clarice Caufield
- Chapter takes up collection to send to the SAVE WEFM Committee
- Benefit Concert theme "Ethnic Music Groups"

1973

- Chapter participates in Interchapter Music Sale at Northwestern and earns \$131.20
- Chapter wins Province Achievement Award
- Chapter chorus performs at benefit concert
- Chapter gives national convention delegate \$40 to travel to Des Moines

- Music Makers of SAI perform for residents of Plymouth Place
- Chapter celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Annual Luncheon
- Musical Travelogue through Europe presented in area schools includes flute solos, Spanish Dancers, piano duo and vocal music

1974

Two Members learned to do Bold Note transcribing Braille

- SAI Century Drive
- Christmas Potluck
- Mabel Biever Music Camp Scholarship Begins
- Service project at the British Home

1975

- Thomas Bullard Scholarship awarded
- Holiday Party & Ornament Exchange
- Ethel Bullard Collects back issues of pan pipes
- Musical for Scottish home

1976

Performance of First Music Camp Scholarship Recipient

- Alan Chow receives Ethel Bullard Memorial Scholarship
- Ethel Bullard Memorial Concert with Unity Temple
- Barnes and Noble Bookfair to raise money

1977

- Chapter Creates "Instrument Encore" program for Jensen Scholastic Academy
- Appetizer cookbook released

1982

- Rachel Barton (Pine) Initiated as an honorary member by Oak Park chapter
- Guest American composer Jonathan Miller presents program

1993

1994

- Marilyn Kinzer Scholarship goes to Millikin student.
- Vandercook students perform for chapter

1995

Karen Shaffer of the Maud Powell Society initiated as an honorary member at SAI Headquarters

1999

Chapter celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of chapter founder, Astrid Silberer Mattson

2001

- Salt Creek Sinfonetta honors SAI at concert
- Emily Ellsworth founder of Anima Chorus is initiated as an honorary member
- Chapter performs musicale at Scottish Home

2003

Chapter participates in State Day Scholarship Competition

2006

2007

2008

2010

2011