



Iota Chi Comment

**Region 5
Beta B
Muncie, IN
Ball State University**

2014 Edition

Calendar

Activity Fair
5-7pm SC Ballroom

Info Night
1/28

Small Party #1 & #2
1/30 & 2/1

Final Party
2/3

Valentine's Day Tea
2/8 @ 2pm

Dance Marathon
2/21 @ 2pm – 2am

Founder's Day Cookout
6/11

National Convention
July 23-July 27 in St. Louis
at the Union Station Hotel

Dear Sisters,

I'd like to start off by saying how honored I am to be our president. Thank you so much for the opportunity to learn and grow as a person with your unwavering support. I challenge you to always give 100% of your efforts in all aspects of your life. Go up and beyond your highest expectations not only within our organization, but also in all activities you do. The bond of sisterhood we have will always hold a special place in my heart. I encourage you to get to know all your sisters personally and really commit to these friendships. Together, we will continue learning, growing and moving our chapter in the right direction.

Love and Roses,
Amy



Province Day

Last Spring, Iota Chi hosted Province Day on April 5th. This was a great way to introduce our sisters from across the state, both collegiate and alumnae to Ball State and our wonderful faculty.

Participants were invited to spend the day growing relationships and experiencing Sigma Alpha Iota with sisters of every walk. The day included breakfast provided by the Muncie Alums, opening remarks by Ginny Johnson, three different work shops, a formal luncheon at the Alumni Center, a Memorial Service, round table discussions, and Phlea Phlam.

Iota Chi invited all those in attendance to our annual Benefit Recital later that night to raise money for SAI Philanthropies, Inc. We were all very honored to see so many sisters and the great response we received after the event.



Iota Chi during the dinner portion of Province Day in the spring of 2014 at Ball State University.

MITs, Spring 2014

Abbey Kratzer
Nina Lake
Emma Miller
Katie Minor
Catherine Niccum
Claire Stelter
Saxony Wynecoop

Graduates, Spring 2014

Mariah Bohl
Jessica Bush
Jess Cooney
Margaux Glenn
Hannah Strayhorn
Tara Olivero
Melissa Whitney

Graduate, Fall 2014

Dani Fegett

MIT Fall 2014

Laura Norris



Pride of Mid-America Marching Band

This fall season, several Iota Chi sisters held leadership roles in the Ball State Pride of Mid-America Marching Band. Annie Braunschweig, our Vice President Membership, was the piccolo section leader, and treasurer Elizabeth Wolford was a piccolo squad leader. Sam Harsh, Vice President Ritual, and member Katie Minor were the clarinet section leaders. Saxony Wynecoop was also a member of the piccolo section, and Abbey Kratzer was a member of the clarinet section.

With new band director Tom Keck, the marching band had a very exciting season. Experimenting with new rehearsal methods and different marching techniques, the ensemble performed several shows including a karaoke show, a pop show and even an Earth Wind and Fire show. The band this season had a total of over 200 students, the largest it has been in the past couple of years. While the band certainly went through a period of transition with a new director, they really rose to the occasion, welcoming and supporting Dr. Keck throughout the entire season.

Sam Harsh and Annie Braunschweig are four-year seniors, and will be completing their last and final season with the marching band with the approaching band awards banquet on December 7th.

Distinguished Members, Spring 2014

Dr. John Emert, **Friend of the Arts**
 Dr. Roger McConnell, **Friend of the Arts**
 Dr. Don Ester, **National Arts Associate**

Awards, Spring 2014

Sword of Honor: Jess Cooney,
 Cindy Himes, Amy Yanok
Iota Chi Scholarship: Alisha Reeve

What's the Purpose?

Directions: Unscramble the misspelled words.

To *morf* chapters of women college students and alumnae who have a sincere interest in music.

To uphold the highest *ddtsnsara* of music.

To further the *vemtnedlpoe* of music in America and throughout the world.

To give *sinpiotnrai* and encouragement to members.

To organize the *utulcarl* life of Sigma Alpha Iota members as a contributing factor to their educational growth.

To support the ideals and *olags* of the member's Alma Mater.

To adhere to the *ehtshgi* standards of *zhipneiicts* in school, community, and fraternity life.



Membership

We gained one new sister, the lovely Laura Norris. Laura is a sophomore speech and language pathology major and plays piccolo in the marching and basketball band. When asked what she could bring to our chapter, Laura responded “a sister you can count on anytime, anywhere, for anything”.

We are hoping to have a very large member in training class in the spring. To prepare, Iota Chi will be discussing recruitment procedures, the membership committee will compile a list of potential women, and we intend to hand out personal invitations to recruitment events. Be on the lookout for an SAI booth at the Spring Activity Fair, as well as possible early recruitment events, and announcements in ensemble rehearsals.

Annie Braunschweigh, Vice President of Membership

Fraternity Education

This past semester, the FrEd committee kept busy with a number of different projects and activities. We’ve performed a play based on the seven Founders, which was a huge success! We have also been working on putting together the Indiana Chapters Project, which will be a compilation of information about all of the SAI collegiate chapters in Indiana. In terms of other FrEd activities, there has been a presentation about the SAI National Exec Board and a discussion forum activity on what the SAI Pledge means to us and our chapter.

Sam Harsh, Vice President of Ritual

Gifts and Courtesies

Early fall semester, I compiled a list of all of the Iota Chi distinguished members and emailed this list to Peggy Glennie. As a chapter, we nominated an Iota Chi alumna for the Ring of Excellence. I’ve also been corresponding with other chapters in Indiana to see what they have been up to this semester.

My biggest project this semester has been planning the School of Music Faculty Luncheon. We invited all 80 members of our music faculty and staff to the event on December 3rd. The theme for this semester’s luncheon is “When the Ants go Marching...in December” or a winter themed picnic.

Gifts and Courtesies Committee has also been hard at work this semester. For our Pledging Ceremony, we had cupcakes and gluten-free brownie cupcakes, and, for initiation, a sister made a cupcake cake that looked like our badge. Gifts and Courtesies plans on continuing to find new ways to make each pledging and initiation reception special!

Rebecca Reid, Corresponding Secretary



Treasurer

This year, so far, we have put on an Abby Candles Fundraiser, and a Dining to Donate fundraiser through Applebee's! We raised a good amount of funds through both of these fundraisers, and continue to fundraise through Abby Candles online! This spring, we are really trying to involve more musical themes in our fundraisers to not only create funds, but to truly represent the musical side of SAI so that people are more educated on what SAI is, and what they're putting their money towards! In this way, we get the chapter more involved in fundraising, inform the community on what SAI entails, and also help with recruitment!

Elizabeth Wolford, Treasurer

Public Relations

This fall, the Public Relations Committee improved our image through posting on our Facebook page, releasing a recruitment newsletter, and designing two boards in the music building. For recruitment this spring, we made new business cards, and we intend to make posters and Facebook events to advertise our Chapter to potential members—in addition to designing t-shirts!

Stacey Dubbert, Editor

Sergeant-at Arms

This Fall, Iota Chi's Chapter Procedures Manual underwent extensive revisions and additions. One of the most noticeable additions to the IX CPM is the requirement of community service under the section Member Expectations. Although Sigma Alpha Iota has always required community service as an expectation of its members, as a chapter, IX did not have this expectation in writing. Not only did I add the requirement into our CPM, we also made an increase of required community service hours per semester from 1 hour to 2 hours.

Elizabeth Bowers, Sergeant-at-Arms

Social

We have had many events to meet outside of Chapter to get to know each other and create lasting friendships this past fall. Our first event was the Fall Retreat at Raccoon Lake Lodge. Later in the semester, several sisters took a trip to Indianapolis. We stayed overnight in a hotel and visited the Indianapolis Museum of Art, The Hundred Acres, Circle Center Mall, Hard Rock Café, and saw the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Some other events have included Craft Nights and a Spa Night. At the last Chapter of the fall semester, we held a Holiday Party with food, music, decorating ornaments, and a Secret Santa Gift Exchange.

Alisha Reeve, Social Chair



Music

Sigma Alpha Iota, Iota Chi, has spent a lot of time collaborating with Phi Mu Alpha, Delta Lambda, this semester. We worked toward performing together in a joint recital, which proved to be a great experience for collaborating and making music together. We all worked very hard to sing an SATB arrangement of the *Alma Mater* and *Prayer of the Children* composed by Kurt Bestor. SAI does a recital every semester, which allows all of the sisters the opportunity to perform in a recital even if they are not music majors. We will be doing a benefit recital for SAI Philanthropies, Inc. during the Spring 2015 semester.

Brenda Mintz, Music Director

Community Service

This past fall we have tried to create a variety of community service opportunities. One of our most popular community service event was trips to the Muncie Animal Shelter every other Saturday. We also did our annual Canned Food Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank. This was a successful event collecting a full car's worth of food to donate to families in need right before Thanksgiving. Late in the fall semester, we went Christmas caroling at a nursing home and through surrounding neighborhoods. We teamed up with the Delta Lambda chapter of Phi Mu Alpha for this evening. Another event we are working on is taking a trip to the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Indianapolis. There, we will be letting the children try different instruments, playing a small recital, and doing some basic vocal/instrumental instruction for some of the older students.

Rebecca Reid, Community Service Chair

Distinguished Members

Iota Chi has several new potential distinguished members for the upcoming year, including Bruce McFarland, Dr. Murray Steib, Dr. Keith Kothman and Dr. Kathleen Maurer. The Distinguished Members committee is still in the process of researching the achievements and qualifications of these candidates, but applications should be heading to National Headquarters soon. We hope to initiate all of these individuals as distinguished members this coming semester.

Sam Harsh, Distinguished Members Chair

Every Chapter meeting, we take time to bond with each other. During a meeting in November, we wrote an SAI story—each sister contributed one sentence based on the previous sentence. *Once upon a time in the land of Sigma Alpha Iota, there was a beautiful princess who was very sad and crying. Then a pizza delivery cat appeared. The cat ate all the pizza in front of the princess. The princess got even more sad than she previously was and started to cry harder. The pizza delivery cat was wondering how he could make her feel better. So the pizza delivery cat did 50 backflips while singing the SAI Chorale. The princess was still very hungry, so the cat set out to find her some food. The cat traveled to the kitchen cupboard and climbed up to grab some queso. Once he touched the jar of queso, it broke leaving all the cheese covering his paws. A friendly mouse conscientiously approached to lick the cheese. He saw how sad the girl was about her spilled cheese and decided not to lick the cheese. The mouse's kindness touched the princess's heart, and she decided to get more cheese at the fridge and share with the mouse. The princess and the mouse fell in love, and that love broke the curse that was on the kind mouse. Now that the mouse was free from the curse, he and the princess ran away together. They ran into a hole in a tree and performed "Pan and Cannon." They used an actual cannon at the end of the song. The exploded and fireworks erupted from the sky. Then an opera singer sang a note so high that the whole world could hear it.*

