

The Wheel Newsletter

Winter, 2023

Dear Members of Delta Omicron,

The Winter 2023 issue of The Wheel will not be published, because of continued financial strain with the fraternity. If you are interested in helping, please contact the executive office or any board member. We appreciate your continued love of Delta Omicron and your continued support. This issue of The Wheel will be a short newsletter to keep you up to date with happenings in the chapters. The Wheel will resume publication with the Summer 2023 issue.

Love, in D.O.,
Elizabeth Rusch Fetters
Editor, The Wheel

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

ALPHA NORTH PROVINCE

OMICRON ALPHA (Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio)

The chapter held one open and one closed musicale. They worked with the Girl Scout Badge event in Bettelle, held a werewolf game night, a bake sale and a Halloween event in the music building. The chapter also served breakfast pastries to music students and faculty in the music building. Member **Kylie Stadler** presented her junior recital. Member **Kateri Condon** and patron **Lori Kay Harvey** performed in “The Pirates of Penzance” and members **Mathew Boles**, **Izzy Lindsey**, **Kylie Stadler** and patron **Lori Kay Harvey** performed in “A Little Night Music.” Alumni recital performances were given by member **Tulia Spurgeon** and patron **Gale Walker**, both premiering new works. Directing project “Dry Land” was done by Kateri Condon. Advisor **Jennifer Merkowitz** premiered a composition for flute and electronics at the National Flute Association convention.

ZETA SIGMA (Cleveland, Ohio)

Zeta Sigma members presented a program at Woodside Senior Living in Bedford, Ohio in November. Performing were **Trish Lawrence**, **Mary Ann Obert**, **Ann Droste**, **Sylvia Schneider** and chapter patron **Paul Lawrence**. Many of their business meetings were also carried out over Zoom. **Trish Lawrence** presented a program about her uncle, Will Strassner, a conductor and composer. The chapter attended two concerts at Baldwin Wallace College where **Ann Droste's** nephew is currently the new orchestra director. **Trish Lawrence** continues to direct "Grateful Praise" and plays in the Cleveland Clinic Band. She also performed with the Golden Notes and in her church choir and performed with the Hillcrest Concert Band. **Ann Droste** continues to play at her church both on piano and flute and handbell choir. She performs with the Hillcrest Band and with the Crooked River Fife and Drum Corps. She played with The Lutheran Wind Ensemble, attended the National Flute Association Conference via Zoom and played in the Greater Cleveland Flute Society. **Joan Robertson** continues her string activities playing for a regular Wednesday Sing Along, morning services and Hanukah services. **Su Tams** and **Sylvia Schneider** are back into chorus rehearsals and Sylvia returned to her teaching studio of voice and piano students, and at Melody and Motion, a performing arts studio in Newcomerstown. **Joan Robertson** played her "Fiddle Sing Alongs" at two retirement communities titled "Movies and Musical" and "Name-That-Tune."

KENT ALUMNI CLUB (Kent, Ohio)

Members met for a potluck dinner, conference report and meeting at the home of **Adele Fussner**. Dues for our annual scholarship for a Kent State student were collected and memorial donations for Louellen Robinson were discussed. Covid permitting we will attend Day at the Opera. **Miki Worthing**, along with Susan Chunn played several flute duets of Christmas music, many arranged by Miki for Delta Kappa Gamma, teacher honorary and for a garden club. **Laurel Seeds**, soprano, **Kenneth Kramer**, bass and **Michelle Makhlof**, piano gave a Christmas Recital on December 20, 2022 at Cable Recital Hall, Canton Cultural Center. They are members of the MacDowell Music Club of Canton, which sponsored the recital. **Sara Miller** played several flute duets with another member of her church.

ALPHA SOUTH PROVINCE

ZETA (University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky)

Kaitlyn Purcell presented a chapter meeting musical. **Kiki Pastor-Richard** and **Sophie Broadwater** performed in a Beau song performance. The chapter held fall

rush events including board games, speed dating, sip and paint and dinner with D.O. **Angel Mason** volunteered at the Bands of America competition. Community Committee members **Kiki Pastor-Richard, Angel Mason, and Emily Minnis** hosted a School of Music Study Hall, providing snacks and calming aromas to visitors. The fundraising committee, with members **Cameron Bilek, Hannah Broomhall** and **Sophie Broadwater** had a fall fundraiser every Wednesday all semester selling breakfast-to-go drinks and items. The chapter welcomed new “Beau” Paul Pfeifer. Last summer members **Hannah Broomhall** and **Amelia Glikin** joined the University of Louisiana Cardinal Singers in Magdeburg, Germany for the Internationales Chorfest Magdeburg.

ZETA CHI (Dayton, Ohio)

Zeta Chi held its annual auditions that resulted in three scholarships going to students currently pursuing music studies at both Wright State University and The University of Dayton. These recipients performed for the chapter in October. Zeta Chi presents programs at Dayton area retirement communities, including their annual service project where **Marcia Wood, Kathy Raisch** and **Rayonde Rougier** performed. The chapter made an annual donation to the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance. **Hilary Toerner** and **Kathy Durig** performed in the Sinclair Community College Wind Ensemble and **Carolyn Sargent**, presented many performances in the Dayton area, featuring Native American flute music. **Sherri Sutter** continues to give private lessons and directs for the Vandalia Youth Theatre in the Dayton area. **Linda Snyder**, soprano was appointed National Historian of the National Associations of Teachers of Singing and serves on the NATS Advancement committee and is co-chair of the NATS Encore Society. She was also guest vocal soloist with the International New Horizons Band on its tour of Ireland and presented guests solos at Dayton area churches. **Mary Fahrenbruck** was rehearsal pianist and pianist for the Dayton Playhouse productions of “Spamalot” and “Once On This Island.” She also accompanied the Dayton Celebration Chorus and the Community Chorus in Lebanon, Ohio.

BETA PROVINCE

DELTA IOTA (Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan)

Delta Iota held musicals on September 9 with **Chad Bischoff, Anna Zoerner, Abigail Russelburg, Jake Crotteau, Joseph Haynes, Ethan Kindle, Ryan Kuchek, Paige Shumney, and Sierra Dattilo** performing and on September 30 with **Connor Weir** and **Ethan Kindle** performing. At meetings the chapter includes a Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of the meeting to show their respect to the

indigenous peoples whose land includes Central Michigan University's campus. Performers in other fall musicals included **Emily Gradowski, Allison Spens, Riley Kruer, Matthew Mudget, Rachel Green, Christina Caron, Jackson Lewandowski, Kathleen Buehring, Ashley Hillson** and **Madi Auten**. In September the chapter's Scholars of the Month were **Connor Weir** and **Paige Shumney** and in October the Scholars of the Month were **Chad Bischoff** and **Emily Gradowski**. November Scholars included **Rachel Green, Chad Bischoff,** and **Ethan Kindle**. Delta Iota held four prospective member events including an open mic night, a board game night, a get-together at a local restaurant and a brunch event. Bids were offered to **Ashley Hillson, Kate Muehring,** and **Madison Auten** who were initiated in October. Members on the Dean's List at Central Michigan University include **Anna Zoerner, Christina Caron, Jake Crotteau, Jennifer Gradowski, Kathryn Leon, Rachel Green, Riley Kruer, Ryan Kuchek, Chad Bischoff,** and **Rebecca Henning**. At October meetings presentations of Robert's Rules of Order and meeting etiquette and other chapter basic were given. The chapter hosted Founder's Day. Delta Iota took part in a Trunk or Treat event with other music fraternities on campus and they hosted two fundraisers. **Connor Weir** was the CMU Homecoming Maroon Ambassador and the National residence Hall Honorary Chapter President of the Month. Members of the chapter performed in several CMU ensembles and recitals. **Chad Bischoff** presented his senior recital. In addition **Abigail Russelburg** attended the CMU Geology Department's 50th Anniversary Celebration, **Connor Weir** hosted the 31st Annual Get HYPED conference and **Abigail Russelburg** and **Matthew Mudget** attended the Percussive Arts Society International Convention. **Jake Crotteau** received the William H. Rivard Scholar Award and **Matthew Mudget** received the Grant G. Skomski and Mary Jane Flanagan Award for Instrument Music. **Chad Bischoff** was awarded the Presser Scholar Award and the Slocum Scholarship from Central Michigan University.

DELTA PROVINCE

SIGMA (Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois)

Members at meetings discussed rushing and initiation, finalized several offices and brainstormed fundraisers.

ZETA ETA (Bloomington-Normal, Illinois)

Lou Ann Fillingham presented the program at their September meeting, which was a review of the Triennial Conference. Zeta Eta's scrapbook took first place at the

conference. **Colleen Rapp**, **Char Fesler**, and **Navanna Ahrends** were the historians responsible for compiling the book. Their achievement book was dedicated to 100-year-old member **Mary Selk**. The chapter handed out granola bars at the theory placement exams. “Each Month of the Year Songs Part 1,” was a sing along presented in October and part 2 was presented in November. **Navanna Ahrends** sang and **Marilyn Musick** was the accompanist. The theme of their summer social was “Everything’s Coming Up Rose and Gray,” with everyone wearing their favorite rose and gray attire and a brush-up on D.O. was a quiz that all enjoyed. Florida members **Pat Weer** and **Fern Noth** sent notes that were read. New member **Kimberley Boehm** was selected to become Delta’s new province president. Her orchestra from Normal West High School presented “Hauncert.” **Alicia Rankin** is also a new member of the chapter and is serving as Delta Omicron’s Executive Secretary. **Char Fesler** performed with the Bloomington Community Band and **Colleen Rapp** played in the Pontiac Municipal Band. **Lou Ann Fillingham** plays organ at the First Christian Church in Bloomington and is compiling a book of members’ bios to be shared with the membership. Lou Ann, Navanna and Char visited with Mary in October and November. **Sharon Lundy** serves as host for each Zoom meeting, plays at her church and is also in an ensemble with voice, guitar, flute and piano. **Beverly McAllister** played several times at Carle Cancer Center, at Evergreen Place and at Adelaide Independent Apartments. She is also playing for a small group of singers made up of residents of Evergreen Place. **Marilyn Musick** plays for the children’s choir and worship services at the Evangelical Free Church. She and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. She also organized Zeta Eta’s programs for the 2022-23 year. **Colleen Rapp** attended the Pontiac High School Band Showdown. Colleen and Navanna serve as co-chairs for the State Alpha Delta Kappa Organization. They wrote new words to a familiar song, based on the state president’s theme and taught it to the members. Colleen is president and Navanna treasurer of Alpha Mu. They both provided music for the Connell Days church service. Navanna also played for the community church service for Cornell Days, presented a talk entitled “What a Judge Expects” for the Illinois Education Association. She gave a patriotic program for Accolade Healthcare and judged the Area 9 speech contest. Navanna regularly plays two church services each Sunday and also plays for chapel services at Evenglow Lodge. She serves as Community Liaison for Residents Council of Accolade Healthcare and continues to be actively involved with Livingston County Retired Teachers Association, writing their newsletters.

ETA NORTH PROVINCE

GAMMA KAPPA (Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina)

Gamma Kappa joined with Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota for a fall festival music event. They painted pumpkins and sold baked goods. Performing at their closed musical was **Andrew Gosset** and **Mary Garber**. **Carey Quarles** became a Presser Scholar.

GAMMA PROVINCE

ZETA ZETA (Denver, Colorado)

Zeta Zeta began their fall meetings with a recital and reception at the home of **Susan Clark**. Performers included **John Fuerst** on the bagpipe, **Susan Clark** and **Judie Eidson** singing with **Lori Hermanson Schweizer** on the piano, **Donna Levene**, piano and **Suzanne Barchers** performing on the flute with **Donna Levene**. Their November meeting featured **Kathleen Spring** on the violin and Donna on piano. Featured also was a composition by **Glenn Spring**. Founders Day was held in December at the home of **Catherine Zanotti**. Performers included **Suzanne Barchers**, **Donna Levene**, **Jan Helgesen**, **Catherine Zanotti**, and **Mary Forester**.

IOTA PROVINCE

OMICRON GAMMA (Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama)

Members of Omicron Gamma proctored a number of recitals and all music seminars, and **Ashleigh Hutcherson**, **Matthew Murphy**, **Allison Frederick**, **Jacob Hery**, and **Kayla Magnus** attended jury preparation night. Cookies to Students, a bake sale, and Halloween party were chapter activities as was a welcome table at the opening of the new music building. **Ashleigh Hutcherson**, **Hannah Creel**, and **Lydia Moore** presented senior recitals. Performing in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" were **Katie King**, **Noah Myers**, **Lydia Moore**, and **Matthew Reber**. Taking part in the Songwriters Showcase was **Matthew Reber**. Performing in the orchestra concert was **Lydia Moore**, in Vespers **Katie King**, **Noah Myers**, and **Matthew Reber** and in the Choir Christmas concert **Katie King**, **Noah Myers**, **Matthew Reber**, and **Ashleigh Hutcherson**.

DELTA OMEGA (Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama)

Closed chapter meetings included performers **Noah Gipson** and **Cassie Case** and a music rehearsal of The Keynote and Prayer. The chapter assisted graduate students and gave a vocal performance at First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville with **Noah**

Gipson, Blake Durden, Adelynn Straub, and Tyler Trivelpiece performing. Delta Omega also had several recruiting events.

MU PROVINCE

ALPHA ALPHA (University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, Stevens Point, Wisconsin)

Alpha Alpha chapter presented a joint recital with Phi Mu Alpha and held a D.O. movie night, bake sale fundraiser and ice cream social. They hosted a table at the Music Department Involvement Faire. The chapter ushered for 24 concerts and recitals during the fall semester. Members performed with the many school ensemble concerts.

OMICRON PHI (University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, Whitewater, Wisconsin)

The chapter presented recitals with **Marilyn Farias, Zach Aide, Luci Randall, Emmett See, Traci Pinzon, Lizzy Weber, Kulow Kulow, Kayla Okus, Callie Knoll, Char Luebke, Keirstyn Torres, and Morgan Fish** performing. A closed musical was held with performers **Zach Aide, Madelyn Clarke, Mariah Eichenberg, Morgan Fish, Hailey Hanson, Callie Knoll, Cassie Parrell, Traci Pinzonm, Luci Randall, Ashlyn Syrett, and Kierstyn Torres-Gonzalez**. The chapter held a charcuterie board/movie night and Friendsgiving. They held two informal rush events and one formal event. The presented Music From The Heart as campus service, which included a food drive. **Callie Knoll** and **Cassie Parrell** presented a duo recital.

NU PROVINCE

EPSILON IOTA (Austin College, Sherman, Texas)

Chapter members set up a reception following a faculty recital. Member **Lilly Boesson** performed in “The Secret Garden” and both Lilly and **Megan Kiel** participated in a production of “The Rocky Horror Show” presented by Sherman Community Players.

OMICRON PROVINCE

DELTA SIGMA (Indiana University of PA, Indiana, Pennsylvania)

An open musical was held and was themed “Country Night.” All members performed in one way or another, including **Elijah Thomas** and **Cynthia Hayhurst**. Their closed recital was combined with graduation and featured **Shanay Jackson** singing an Irish farewell song. The campus Inter-Fraternal Music Council hosted two functions, one being a tri-fraternal letter exchange and the second was the Cogswell Formal. **Alexis**

Boyle and **Sarah Brandle** were honored as the best big and little due. IUP hosted the 100th Anniversary of their marching band. Current members are **Sam Russell, Alexis Boyle, Alyssa Brandle, Jasmine Petro,** and **Cynthia Hayhurst**. They marched alongside many alumni and then gathered on the field to sing the Prayer of D.O. The next day they welcomed the alumni back to share a breakfast along with memories and stories from their years in D.O.

ZETA NORTH PROVINCE

DELTA KAPPA (Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia)

The chapter held a recruitment karaoke night where members and non-members got together to sing different songs and have fun performing music. Members **Ian O'Connell, Gigi Ortiz, Ethan Crager, Sean Link,** and **Tia Walkup** performed with various ensembles.

ZETA SOUTH PROVINCE

ALPHA GAMMA (Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee)

The chapter had several rush events and initiated **Alex Lawson** (who performed as part of his initiation) in October. They held a Halloween musical, a jazz musical and a soup luncheon. Members decorated the music building for Christmas events. The chapter received grant funding that was used for their tree lighting ceremony. Student recitals were given by **Ty Roberts, Michael Bloomer,** and **Dalton Kretschmar**. Dalton is a “technician” at Carter High School. Chapter patron **Richard Scruggs** performed at the Delta Omicron Triennial Conference.

GAMMA MU (Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia)

During their meetings Gamma Mu discussed planning professional development events, open social events and future events such as music major auditions, choir festival and honor band. The prospective member ceremony was held in September for **Philip Tomlin. Chloe Orange** was the recipient of the Allen Bachelder Trumpet Scholarship and performed in the Virginia Tech Trumpet Festival.

ZETA WEST PROVINCE

OMICRON OMICRON (Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky)

The chapter held an open musical organized by **Abigayle Bryant** entitled “Childhood Memories.” Performers included **Kaylee Tribolet, Julianna Gregory, Abigayle Bryand, Daly Moore, Steven Bernard, Ashton Hoelscher, Taylin Hamilton,**

Madison Sanker, Mckenzie Eversoll, Alison Schimmell, Lauren Fields, Melissa Keeling, and Melissa Valone. They also held four closed musicale meetings which included performers **Alison Schimmell, Juliana Gregory, Abigayle Bryant, Steven Bernard, Trylin Hamilton, Kaylee Tribolet, Ashton Hoelscher, Madi Sanker, Daly Moore, and Mckenzie Eversoll.** A music “Greekgiving” was held with members of D.O., Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha enjoying a potluck thanksgiving dinner followed by games, music and fellowship. **Taylin Hamilton** organized a feminine hygiene products basket to put in the bathrooms of the music buildings of Western Kentucky University. Omicron Omicron members usher for all concerts in Van Meter Hall at WKU. Chapter Advisor **Melissa Keeling** performed with the Chrysalis Rock Orchestra as both a member of the orchestra and as a soloist. She also published an etude book for flute and electronics titled “The Electric Flute: A Beginner’s Guide to Playing Flute with Effects.” **Dr. John Cipolla**, chapter patron, traveled to Portugal to lead masterclasses and perform as a soloist and **Dr. Heidi Alvarez**, chapter patroness traveled to Florida to lead a masterclass there. Patroness **Liza Kelly** was selected to serve as co-department head for the WKU Music Department.