

Beehive Chapter of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association

In 1972, the Beehive (Utah) Chapter of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association (BCGUAA) was formed by members living in Utah, who had graduated or ever attended class in Gallaudet University. The purpose of establishing the chapter was for the former students to recognize Gallaudet College as their alma master, and to see how they were doing in their lives, and to provide more fellowship with each other.

Several years later, the Gallaudet College Alumni Association asked Utah Chapter to be affiliated with the parent organization, which they did. They prepared bylaws for their BCGUAA, which were accepted by the GCAA. Today, Gallaudet University Alumni



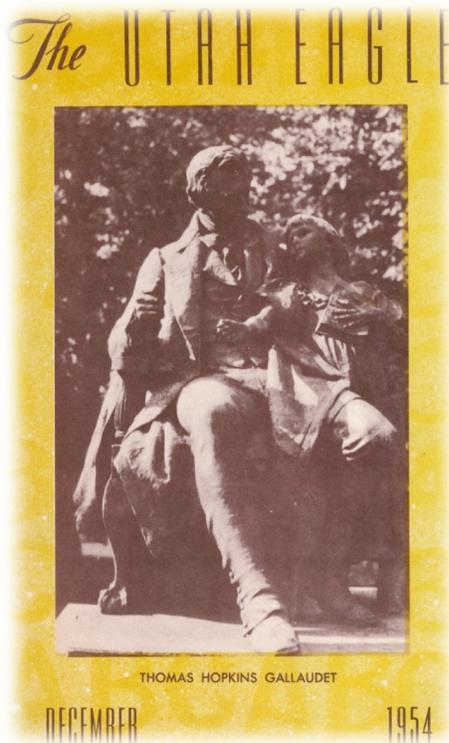
Peikoff Alumni House

Association has chapters, similar to what Utah has, in several states. The focus of the organization is Fellowship, Fund Raising, Recognition, and Celebration.

In 1987, BCGUAA Chapter had 65 members in Utah, who had either graduated with degrees or attended one or more semesters at Gallaudet University. At the present time, some former members have passed away, others have moved out of state, but many have stayed in Utah.

In past years, most of the alumni of their chapter have lived in Ogden and Salt Lake City. Those members in Salt Lake City have taken turns hosting a banquet or picnic in the spring, and

those in Ogden have taken responsibility for the meeting in the fall. This tradition continued for a few years, and then it was decided that one event was enough for the year, so the fall meeting has continued. The alumni in Salt Lake City prepare a picnic or a banquet and meeting every other year. The Ogdenites would do the event in alternate years.



The BCGUAA Chapter, whenever a meeting has been held, has almost always made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Gallaudet University Alumni Association. Members of this chapter pay \$5.00 per year toward our chapter, which is to be used for various worthy causes.

Credit given to Rodney W. Walker from his "My Life Story" book published in 2006.