

Fall 1896 During a gathering at the Roland Park home of Isabella Parlett, 25-year-old Hattie Goodrich Parlett suggests forming a club in the neighborhood.

Dec 8, 1896 The first official meeting of the Club is held at the home of Mrs. C. Pinckney Brown. 28 women attend.

Annual dues are \$2.00, with a fine of ten cents for absence and five cents for lateness.

CHARTER MEMBERS*

Mrs. Charles Auginbaugh Mrs. Edward Bouton Mrs. E. H. Brooks Mrs. C. Pinckney Brown Mrs. Carl Burt Mrs. Angus Cameron Mrs. Frank Dorsey Mrs. John Dorsey Mrs. W. H. Edmonds Mrs. Douglas Gilman Miss Josephine Glanville Miss Katherine Glanville Mrs. Melvin Griffith Mrs. Charles Heath Mrs. J. B. H. Jefferson Mrs. James Newbold Miss Hattie Parlett Mrs. Isabella Parlett Miss Mary Parlett Mrs. John D. Revnolds Mrs. S. Sherwood Mrs. L. G. Smart Mrs. W. F. Smith Mrs. E. Clay Timanus Mrs. Frank Thomsen Mrs. M. C. Tuttle Mrs. Wilbur C. VanSant Mrs. J. F. Wagner

*Charter members as listed in "Forty Years of History."

April 1897 The first Cherry Blossom fete is held at the home of Anna Heath, Proceeds are set aside for the building fund.

Cherry Blossom fetes continue for 22 years (until 1918).

> 1897 The club begins raising funds with a dream to erect a clubhouse in Roland Park somewhat similar to "the Casino" community hall in Mt. Washington.

C., delivered an interesting lecture yesterday afternnoon at the residence of Mrs. ron. Sheldon avenue, Roland coture was the first of a series be given under the auspices of section of the Roland Park b. The object of these lectures ids with which to erect a local newhat similar to the Casino at ington.

Roland Park Woman's Club.

Miss Janet E. Richards, of Washington, D.



1898 TWCRP joins with the Mt. Washington Lend-A-Hand Club to voice disapproval of county fair side-shows.

June 1898 The Club begins

raising money for the Fresh Air

Fund for disadvantaged youth.

This relationship continues for

many years.

1899 TWCRP becomes a charter member of the Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Three past presidents and two club members go on to become presidents of the MD Federation and two become presidents of the national organization.

Through the years, dozens of Federation meeting are held at the clubhouse.

Rent is \$20 per month plus utilities.

floor of Roland Park Hall.

June 1897 Regular biweekly

meetings move from members'

homes to a room on the ground

Fete At Roland Park.

The children of Roland Park had their annual fresh-air fete last evening in the rooms of the Woman's Club at Roland Park. The fete is given every year for

enefit of the fresh-air fund, the children visiting into the country.

young mutes in charge of the tables ight were: ses Ethel and Minnie Brooks, Lillian iladys Greiner, Ola Flaharty, Marian ron and Gertrude Dorsey.

girls, who served ice-cream and strawberries were Misses Lucille and Jen-nie Smart, Nina Schad and Annette Sauner.

Feb 1899

A PLEA FOR MOTORMEN

Strong Letter By Mrs. W. H. Appold, President Of Roland Park Woman's Club.

Mrs. William H. Appold, president of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, writes THE SUN as follows:

"To my mind the man who says 'there is no need of vestibules on street cars." I care not who he is, has not the first spark of humanity in him; is one of those mercenary beings whose soul cannot rise above dollars and cents, in whose veins there never was any milk of human kindness; who does not have any regard for the suffering of his fellows. Let any of these directors make one round trip on such a day as Monday, February 13, in that never-to-be-forgotten blizzard, and then let him say—if Indeed he could speak

at all, and even h frozen as well as not motormen need vestibule. As I si watch the cars pas to all sorts of wet

the year, motormen on their open, forms and conductors clinging like drowned rats on those abominable outside footboards, with the summer storms pour-ing upon them, my very soul is stirred with wrath and indignation that such things should be tolerated in this age of progress and civilization.
"I have lived for three years at Roland

Park, with the cars passing my door, and what 'my eyes see, my heart believes.' I have often seen motormen covered with ice and sleet, drenched, beating their be number hands, stamping, jumping about as they rushed through the cutting, icy wind-and yet it is is said 'they need no protection!' Are they not flesh and blood Just the same as these directors?

WOMAN'S CLUB IN EARNEST

Begins An Active Crusade Against

The Woman's Club of Roland Park has been an earnest effort to stop the habit of expectorating on pavements and in street cars. At the meeting of the club results are to subject was thoroughly discussed by the consideration of the club results are to the club results and the club results are to the club

Jan 1900 The Club pushes to create an ordinance against public spitting. Members meet with the health commissioner to discuss.

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autsance. In New York, Philadelphia and Detroit, where ordinances have been passes making it a violation of law to expec making it a violation of law to expec-torate on the parement, a vast improve-ment has been noticed, and the members of the club think that such a law in this city, if enforced, would put a stop to the nuisance. In the atreet cars they claim that the ordinance is being violated every day and that conductors take no steps to prevent it. The club ordered the following resolutions sent to Mr. William A. House, general manager of the United Railways and Electric Company:

Dec 1900 TWCRP sponsors a clothing drive to support victims of the Great Galveston Hurricane.



Woman's Club Of Roland Park Is Against Sweatshops.

IT STARTS ON A CRUSADE

Home Of Mr. F. W. Stamp, Of Ca tonsville, Is Robbed-Mr. Acquilla Fishpaw Is Dead-Personals.

The Woman's Club of Roland Park is engaged in an active crusade against unsanitary and unhumanitarian methods in the manufacture of articles of women's apparel, alming especially at the evils of sweatshop and tenement-house labor.

While not affiliated with it, the club has taken up the Consumers' League, which was formed in New York, as one result of an investigation of the conditions under which garments are manufactured in sweat-

The 1901-02 TWCRP campaigns bet," to torles w and Stat work conditions. Members visit 25 are then list of the merchants to demand "white label The W goods," manufactured under

carefully hygienic and humane conditions. more and has issued cards bearing the names of "white houses." These cards have been sent to every woman's club in Maryland and active co-operation asked in carrying on the battle for sanitary reform. The movement is in charge of the following committee:

Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran, chairman Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran, chairman; Mrs. William H. Appold, Mrs. Frank G. Dorsey, Mrs. Charles Fleet, Miss Leonora Lansdowne, Miss Mary E. Parlett, Mrs. C. Pinkney Brown, Mrs. Charles Bouldin, Mrs. L. S. Hulburt, Mrs. Agnes Cameron, Mrs. E. E. Price, Miss Fannie Lloyd, Mrs. Isa-bel G. Cock Mes Ullyrian. bel G. Cook, Mrs. Olin Bryan, Mrs. David A. Clark, Mrs. Stephen Tongue, Miss Flor-ence Lansdowne, Mrs. Bareda T Wilbur C. Van Sant and Mrs. O. Feb 1901

Jan 11, 1904 The new clubhouse opens. The building contains an auditorium with a small speaker platform and a fireplace, a "resting parlor," an open porch, a basement kitchen and a second-floor apartment. The walls are painted white and the woodwork is forest green. There is a wide veranda and terrace sloping to Ridgewood Rd. for teas and open-air fetes.



FOR INDUSTRIAL BETTERMENT

Clothing With Label Of Consumers League To Be Exhibited.

Under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Roland Park an exhibition will be held at the Arundell Club, during the sessions of the Maryland State Federation of Wo men's Clubs, of articles of woman's attire procurable in Baltimore, which bear the thite label of the Consumers' League.

It was the Roland Park Club which in-troduced here the demand for ready-made clothing guaranteed by the label to have been manufactured under hygienic and hu-mane conditions of labor, and so successful have the women been in their efforts that 20 business firms of the city now carry white label stock. Expensive as well as cheap grades of clothing will be displayed. Each club of the federation has been asked

to report at the annual meeting, March 19 and 20, on its individual work in spreading knowledge of the Consumers' League and Feb 1902 The Club endorses

ting industrial betterment. ggested that some steps be taken "Federation Night" at the Murt Loan Society's exhibition, when women sent as delegates from the clubs of the State might enjoy

women of the city and suburbs. Mar 1902

Jan 1906 Club members embark on an extensive program to teach Hampden and Woodberry mill children to read.

1904 The clubhouse becomes a hub of activities in the community. Roland Park Civic League meetings, charity card parties, school graduations, dancing classes, wedding receptions and private parties are held at the clubbouse from 1904 until 1935.

In consideration of the neighbors, evening events end by 12:30 a.m. and music may not include drums! TO TEACH MILL CHILDREN

Woman's Club Plans Work At Hampden And Woodberry.

At a meeting of the Woman's Club, in the clubhouse at Roland Park yesterday afternoon, Mrs. W. Spicer outlined the philanthropic efforts which the organizaintends to take up.

ie work will begin at once among the ren of Hampden and Woodberry, who working in the mills and who are deed of education through stress of cirstances.

The children will be organized in groups of 10 or 15 and two ladies of the club will attend the meetings, which will be held on a certain evening to be decided later. One of the ladies will read and distribute literature and the other will entertain the children with stories.

Mrs. Lorraine S. Hulbert, chairman of the social section of the club, will have charge of the meetings.

> Piano For Roland Park School. The Roland Park Public School has re-ceived a gift of a bandsome new upright piano through the Woman's Club of Ro-

> > 1907 TWCRP donates a new piano to the Roland Park Public School

April 1904 The Club holds a subscription dance to benefit victims of the Great Baltimore Fire (Feb 7-8, 1904).





BOLAND PARK

COMPANY

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Fall 1902 The Roland Park Company requires the first-floor at Roland Park Hall for its own use. TWCRP's long-talked-about clubhouse becomes a necessity.

2 bills to protect children; one to

for child labor restrictions.

establish a juvenile court and one

A site is selected at the corner of Roland Ave. and Ridgewood Rd. The cost is only \$3,500 (reportedly one-third less than the going rate) thanks to the generosity of the Roland Park Company, Edward Bouton, the general manager, is the husband of charter member Luella Bouton.

June 1903 The Roland Park Woman's Club Building Company is formed and architects Ellicott & Emmart are chosen.

The Club considers a plan to increase its younger membership by building tennis courts on the lawn!



1907 The Club offers a lunior Membership for girls 14-20 years old. Without a Junior Department to support it, this program dies out.



Woman's Club of Roland Park.

Calendar for April, 1910.

1908 The term "Porch Class" is used to describe Thursday morning lectures. The Club will use this

MONDAY, APRIL 4TH, II A. M. Meeting of Executive Board. GENERAL MERTINGS

What we pass every day without seeing.
Mrs. Philip Welker.
FEDNESDAY. APRIL 277s. 2.20 P. M.
Cherry Blossom Péta.

THE POHER CLASS.
Thursdays at 11.15 A. M.
April 7th.—Story: The Europe of the Labler."
Read by a member of the class.
"The Economical Use of Meat in the Hone."
Bend by fire II. L. Wilson.

Rend by Mrs. H. L. Wilson.
The planting of the Porth Class tree on the rear laws of the
Clob House, with a word on "The Patters of the Woman's Clab
of Echand Park," by Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran, Jr.,
1971 14th.—Round Table Talk; "Sidner Lanige as a Literary
Artist." Mrs. Lawrence Turnbull.
Bendings from Lanige," Demants A.

Artist." Mrs. Lawrence Turnbull.

Beadings from Lanler's Foems with Comment,
Dr. Oliver Huckel.

April 20th.—Wednesday. Round Table Talk: "A New Way to
Study the Geopole." (Stereoptices...) Dr. Howard A. Kelly. "Hacks and Ghosts of the British Museum."
Miss Davins Waterson, of Lendon.
April 2th.—Class critical on account of the meetings of the

SECTION MEETINGS. SOCIAL SERVICE-Man. L. S. HULBURT, Chairman BRIDGE-Every Monday at 2.30 P. M.

Jan 1910 The Club discusses

The Club House is open every day from ten until seven but on Friday afternoons is engaged for dancing classes. MIES FLORENCE LANSDOWNE, CHAIRMEN. MRS. JOHN G. PRICE, JR., Cor. Sec., 2118 Brookfield Ave., Baltim

1914 Sun Porch

1914 A sun porch is added to the south side of the clubhouse. On "club days" the sun porch is used as a dining area.

etc. ic. car fare Apply O. L. TUNIS. Telephon WALBROOK 155 or 718 M. FOR RENT-Large, fines APARTMENT, at corner of Roland avenue and Cold Spring lane, over the Woman's Club. Key can be had nest down at No. 102 Roland avenue.

SAMUEL B. WILSON, 543 CALVERT BUILDING

4-ROOM SUBUL 1919 Club membership reaches its constitutional limit of 200 and a wait list is formed

> Rent for the second-floor apartment is set at \$55/month.

PORCH CLASS HAS SCIENCE DAY Members Go To Loch Raven For Lectures And Lunch.

expression until Spring 1917.

The members of the Porch Class of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, of which Mrs. A. E. King is president, met yesterday morning at the club house, where six automobiles and two big 'busses were waiting to carry them to Loch Raven. With the party were Dr. Homer P. Little. of the Maryland Geological Survey, and Mr. Ralph Jones, botanis: of the Johns Hopkins University. Once at Loch Raven the motors were ranged in a circle and the two scien-tists lectured from one of the cars.

Later in the afternoon the party gath ered round a big camp fire to roast potato and chestnuts and enjoy a basket lunch.
The party returned to Roland Park at 5
o'clock, enthusiastic over the trip.

1909

PORCH CLASS TO MEET.

The Woman's Club of Roland Park will The Woman's Club of Roland Park will hold its porch class meeting at 10.30 o'clock today at the club, when Mrs. Ed-ward Franklin Buchner will read "The New Mission of the Doctor," by Ray Stannard Baker.

WOMEN READY TO FIGHT

Clubs, It Is Said, May Join Antiment Crusade.

While no concerted action has been taken by the women's clubs of Baltimore in the fight against high prices in foods and meats, especially, the women as individuals are

keenly interested in the movement.

In the Woman's Club of Roland Park about one-third of the members are ready to fight against the exorbitant prices by

asible means. Mrs. William M. Eleld she feared the boycott against boycotting meat over high prices. mid injure the small dealer without uch harm to the real offenders.
"But," she added, "If we women had a

vote now we could, indeed, do something bout the matter."

Mrs. Daniel Miller said that the Federa-tion of Woman's Clubs had not taken the matter up as yet, but that she thought it likely that the individual clubs would do so it being a matter that would vitally inter-

est every woman who was a housekeeper.
Right and left the women professed themselves ready to fight against the present excrbitant price of meat and all other foods and ready, too, to convert their men into vegetarians just as soon as they possibly

One woman said the matter had been forcibly brought home to her a few days ago in New York when she and her husband at the Waldorf had ordered "a ten derloin steak, medium rare." When the check came it read: "One tenderloin steak, \$1.25; medium rare, 50 cents," and to their \$1.25; medium rare, 50 cents, and to the consternation they had to pay \$1.75 for that medium-rare piece of meat. Jan 1910 1915 Interest in equal suffrage grows. The club hosts numerous speakers and members debate the issue extensively.

1915 With membership now at 183, the Club ceases renting the upstairs apartment for a one-year test. A lending library is created with 157 books.

1916 Goucher College professor Dr. Katherine Jeanne Gallagher

begins her monthly series of lively and well-informed lectures. Dr. Gallagher continues as a popular speaker at the Club for 30 years, until her retirement in 1947.

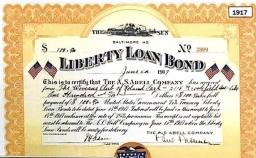
WILL INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

Women's Club Of Roland Park Has Large Waiting List.

By unanimous vote the Women's Club of Roland Park yesterday decided to raise the membership from 235 to 300. The large waiting list of women seeking admission made the change desirable. A year ago the membership was changed from 200 to 235.

Following the business meeting at the clubhouse, 100 Roland avenue, Dr. Katherine Gallagher, professor of history at Goucher College, addressed the club on "Education and the Monroe Doctrine." At the meeting next Thursday morning Miss Alice Robertson, member of Congress from Oklahama will address the club.

1924 The Club's first academic scholarship, a gift of \$250.00, is presented to a Goucher College student.



April 1917 The US enters World War I. To assist in the war effort. the 2nd floor of the club is offered to the Red Cross free of charge.

The Club subscribes to \$700 worth of Liberty Bonds and individual members subscribe to an additional \$59,500 in war bonds.

Cash donations are collected to establish furlough houses and rest centers in France.



Baltimore's sole surviving shot tower, as shown in a water

FOR RECREATION CENTER.

At a recent meeting of the Woman's Club of Roland Park the members announced their hearty indorsement of the Hampden-Woodberry Association plans, and expressed the hope that the City Council would pass the ordinance permitting the association to build a recreation center in West Park.

The club, which represents 130 women, appreciates the need of such recreation

1909 Members push for a neighborhood community center in Hampden's West Park. The center will later be called Roosevelt Park Recreation Center.



WILL HOLD FLOWER SHOW

Woman's Club Of Roland Park Plans Exhibit Wednesday.

The garden section of the Woman's Club of Roland Park will hold its first in the clubhouse

Oct 1926 The Garden Section presents its first flower show at the clubhouse. Flower shows become an annual tradition for 50 years.

r a dahlia show. mes H. Dorsey. rman, but other

fall flowers also will be exhibited. In all, there will be twelve classes in the competition, with two ribbons for each class. Oct 1926



1930 The Club uses a \$100 prize to purchase Thomas Cromwell Corner's "A Still Life" oil painting of cherry blossoms. A long-time resident of Roland Park, Corner was a founding member of the Baltimore Museum of Art.

Fall 1933 Mrs. Herbert Gillespie becomes the first president of the new Juniors Department. Initial work of the group focuses on supporting Roosevelt Rec Center in Hampden.

The Juniors thrive as a separate department of the Club. Limited to 50 members until 1950, it later grows to 150 members. In 1979 the group reorganizes as the Junior Committee. The Junior Committee continues until 2011.

Chairman Of Chorus



with more than 60 singers.

MIS S FRANK PEARSON

Under Mrs. Pearson's chairmanship the chorus of the Under Mrs. Pearson a charmanship the chorus of the Wemana's Glub of Roland Park has grown to more than sixty voices. During the club season, which has just closed, fix membrar gave several recitals, assated at club teas and receptions and took part in the weekly meetings of the Meman's Club June 1935

Oct 1935 The clubhouse is enlarged again. The front porch is enclosed and a larger stage is built in the auditorium. The speaker's room, flower room, rear hall and stairway are added to the back of the building. Apartment rental ends and the Juniors get a new clubroom on the second floor. The kitchen moves from the basement to its current location. The basement will be used for painting classes and small meetings.

Children who are wards of the Henry Watson Childrens' Aid Society likewise have reason to look forward with joy to Christmas. for this organization is concerned with the emotional satisfactions as well as the physical needs of its charges. The Women's Club of Roland Park will repeal its annual custom of giving a Christmas party for the children of the Nursery School at the Roosevelt Park Recreation Center, in addition to providing baskets for their families. Dec 1935

CLUB POE



April 1929 Club poet laureate Helen Bayley Davis publishes a collection of her poetry, Moth Wings.

uring the past spring and summer in con-ection with a series of organ recitals. Picre by Bachrach.

> Oct 1929 A bird bath is placed on the club grounds in memory of renowned lawyer John E. Semmes (1851-1925). It is one of several bird baths placed around Roland Park by the Semmes family.

June 1930 Club members canvass the greater Roland Park area in Red Cross fund-raising campaigns.

CLUB FAVORS JURY Oct 1931 **DUTY FOR WOMEN**

Roland Park Group Indorses Bill, Granting Privilege, To Go Before Legislature

Following the example set in September by the executive board of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, a resolution indorsing the bill to come before the next Legislature to grant women the privilege of jury duty was passed today by the Woman's Club of Roland Park. Several hundred women attended the meeting. which was held in the organization's clubhouse on Roland avenue.

Mrs. Helen Sherry, attorney and chairman of legislation for the State federation, addressed the meeting before the vote was taken. She explained

that the pending bill w Oct 1931 The Club endorses a bill the federation's execution the recommendation the in favor of jury duty for women. organizations in the State pass or vote

The vote today was not unanimously in favor of the resolution, which, however, was adopted by a comfortable majority.

down resolutions on the bill.

nother meeting of the State federation s executive board will be held on November 18, at which time the formal resolutions of the affiliated bodies will be recorded. Mrs. Maurice A. Long, president of the Roland Park club, presided at today's meeting.



THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROLAND PARK

Roland Park Woman's Club To Remodel House

Plans For Renovating Structure Adopted Unanimously At Special Meeting

Plans for the remodeling of the clubhouse of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, 4500 Roland avenue, were adopted unanimously yesterday morning at a special meeting of the membership of theclub.

The plans accepted by the club are those which were modified to meet the requirements of the Roland Park Road and Maintenance Board, following a compromise terminating the recent law suit of the board against the club.

According to the plans, the club will occupy the entire building, the second floor of which subsequently was rented as an apartment. Feb 1935

The Club holds membership at 500 Seniors and 50 Juniors until 1950.



Mar 1937 The Club urges the Maryland General Assembly to pass a series of bills to give illegitimate children rights under Maryland law.



Feb 1938 First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt receives 386 Club members at the White House. Members travel to D.C. by special train, where they are greeted by a fleet of White Taxis and a motorcycle escort which ushers them to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

1938 The Batchelder tile fountain is given in memory of Miss Clara Gault. Clara, her sister and her mother were members of the Club as early as 1918. In good humor, members name the fount "the Fountain of Youth." Through the generosity of the Club's 50-year members, the fountain is beautifully restored in 2017.

Feb 1939 The Club honors 20 "Pioneer Club Women" who have been members for at least 35 years. Today we celebrate our 50-year members with an annual luncheon held in their honor.

1939 The Council of Past Presidents is created.

THE HOME NEWS January 19, 1939 Club Formed In Roland Park 42 Years Ago Now Largest Woman's Club In State

Philanthropic, Social And Literary Work Engaged In By Group

at 4500 Roland Ave. Built yery large assembly hall and age on the first floor. The hall as a neating capacity of 500 per-ers. Upstairs are a dieing room and a place where the Junior Club,

MRS. THOMAS J. TINGLEY

1941, totaled \$12.38.

SURGICAL DRESSINGS

MRS. WALTER B. CALLOWAY, Chairman

THE Surgical Dressings Class of the Woman's Club of Roland Park Auxiliary of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Red Cross held its first meeting March 11th, 1941. Four meetings were

held with an average attendance of twenty-five workers present. The first quota of dressings to be made contained 7200-4-6 and 12000-2-2 surgical sponges for U. S. Army; 2961 dressings were made and prepared for packing.

With the aid of our able and efficient instructors Mrs. Cecil Vest, Mrs. Millard Kent, Miss Helen Lacy, Mrs. Robert Settle and Mrs. Kelly, all dressings were packed for shipment in the club

Surgical dressings supplies paid by the Treasurer March 11th,

1941

Roland Park Club Members Active For Duration Of War

By MILDRED KAHLER GEARE Weenan's Club Editor. For the duration of the war the Woman's Club of Roland Park will

Mrs. Ghingher Speaks

MRS. WALTER SCOTT COOK Mrs. Cook first vice-president of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, is also program chairman and is planning for the coming season. for Children and for the U. S. Marine Hospital, Mrs. Edward

Dec 1941 The clubhouse is a center for Red Cross classes and surgical dressings workshops. The auditorium is available for warrelief work and the clubhouse becomes the neighborhood Civil Defense Shelter.

Club President Clara Tucker does an impressive job inspiring the Club in the war effort. In aggregate nearly 100,000 hours of volunteer work is logged by the Club's 180 members.



1941

THE SEWING SECTION OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROLAND PARK FOR THE RED CROSS HELD ITS FIRST MEETING OCTOBER 22nd. 1941, WITH

SEVENTEEN PRESENT AND HAS MET THE SECOND AND POURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10-30 A.M.

THE FORLOWING ARTICLES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

HEADQUARTERS AND HAVE BEEN MADE AND RETURNED.

27 CHILDRENS DRESSES

22 CHILDRENS WOOL SKIRTS

3 BABY BLANKETS 22 MEN'S PAJAHAS

6 BOYS SHIRTS

24 OUTING PLANNEL BABY DRESSES

253 HOT WATER BOTTLE COVERS

14 PAIR SOCKS

54 SWEATERS

THE POLLOWING WERE GIPTS

2 SWEATERS, ONE APGAN, POUR MUPPLERS AND 36 SQUARES FOR A ROB

MATERIALS PURCHASED AND PAID BY TREASURER PEB. 14th. 1941

TOTAL \$3.87

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July 1943 As planned for in its charter, the Roland Park Woman's Club Building Company is dissolved after 40 years.







1946 The Club celebrates its 50th birthday with a pageant called. "A Revue - Through the Years." There are now 750 members of the club.



1947 Mrs. Gideon N. Stieff commissions Baltimore artist Helen E. Ohrenschall to create a silhouette with pen-and-ink background titled, "First Meeting."

1949-1950 Grace United Methodist Church uses the clubhouse while work is done on their building. In gratitude, the Church presents TWCRP with a **Duncan Phyfe mahogany dining** table, now used as the president's table.



Fall 1948 The Dramatic Arts

section organizes and presents

three plays during its first year.

Active for more than a decade, the

drama group performs dozens of plays, many of which are original

March 1947 Through Save-the-Children, the Junior Department sponsors Dutch 10-year-old Josephina Coenjarts.

The group arranges several fundraisers such as card parties, fashion shows and candy sales in order to send her much-needed food, clothing and gifts. Support for Jose continues for many years. April 1950 The Juniors sponsor a second child, Peter Dardantakis, of war-torn Piraeus, Greece.

TRANSLATION 818-00

Piraeus, Gresce 4/11/30

My Monorable Protector,

I received the two paskages slong with your letter, and I thank
you very much for then, in one package there were two sheers, four tercls, soap, talcum ponder, etc. In the other were two pairs of pants, two
shirts, soap, candy, and toys.

The harmonian made as most happy, Athough I do not know hos to
play tt. I spend all day trying it, and stay with it even more than
with the pant of the armonian of the stay with it even more than
it is just received the clothes, and wore then to school, all the
children called me the "American Roy". I thank God than you, who ere so
merciful, help me, Otherwise, I do not know in what state I would be,
and I sak God to give you good health.

I returned from the country rather early, sig nunt wrote to me
t school, and is spite of all her poverty, bought my broks for me. Only
the beliar-case remains to be bought, because I's is expensive, but nothing
else.

My aunt and her family send you their best regards.

I kiss your hand,

Peter Dardandokis

May 1951 The Baltimore Flower Mart, held each year in Mount Vernon, celebrates its 40th year. The Juniors participate actively in the annual fair by selling candy and flowers at their booth.





1951 With the 15-year ban on building expansion expired, the Club enlarges the clubhouse for the 3rd time. The second-floor porch is enclosed to create the library.

1951 Satirist and newspaper columnist H. L. Mencken entertains a "standing room only" crowd with a delightful evening program at the club.

Apr 1954 The Juniors sponsor 5-year-old Tal Kwa Kim of Korea. The boy's father had been killed when the Chinese invaded Korea. Club support continues for the boy for 13 years.



THE WOMAN'S Club of Roland Park is getting its production of the one act play "One Night of Clary" ready for showing on April 9. Each year a member of the club writes a play which is produced by the club's personnel. Shown above are Mrs. William Lehr (left), chairman of the workshop of dramatic arts, and Mrs. James H. Jensen, author of "One Night of Clory."



1956

First Woman Is Named **Grand Jury Foreman**

Mrs. Claire von Marees Stiefl, vice president of the Stiefl Company, silveramiths, today became the first woman in the history of the Federal District Court in Maryland to be named foreman of a Federal grand jury.

Chmief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen administered the oath the 62-year-old civic, social and educational leader, who will direct

tional leader, who will direct

criminal investigations before the March term panel. The wife of Gideon Stieff, the jury leader, was chairman of the fiftieth anniversary Flower Mart and is on the boards of directors of the Woman's Civic League, Goucher College, the Johns Hop-Goucher College, the Johns Hop-kins Hospital, Washington College, and the Baltimore chapter of the Red Cross which presented her with a "Casey Award" last year. She is also past president of the Woman's Club of Roland Park.

Assistant Foreman Francis J. Carr, 59, of 208 Witherspoon road, executive presiden of the Anderson & Ireland Hard-ware Company, was named assist-

Adler, 64, of 116 West University parkway: Mrs. Dorothy L. Page.

1963 The Cox Memorial

Scholarship Fund is established

through a legacy left by Lillian L. Cox. a Club member since 1920.

MRS. CLAIRE STIEFF boulevard; Charles G. Irish, 65, of

March 1963 Past-president ant foreman.

The other grand jurors include.
Troy Thornberry, 38, of 3144
Remington avenue, Augustus Hudson, 38, of 1327 North Fulton avenue, Mrs. Marne A. Geller, 68, of Maryland to be named foreman of Maryland to be named foreman of Claire von Marees Stieff becomes

parkway: Mrs. Dorothy L. Page, 14. of 3104 Brighton street, and of Huntington.

John F. L. Boehme, Jr., 59. of 1717 Büttenhouse avenue, all of of Silver Spring; Archibald G. W. McFaddlen, 61, of Lusby, William H. C. Griffith, 53, of Elicott City, Chambers, 47, of 5136 Westland of Annapolis.

record for the 900+ Club members.

1963 The past presidents of the

outstanding program each year.

Fund to be used to fund an

Club form the Endowment Lecture

Nov 1963 The Junior Department produces the "Sweet Talk" cookbook as a fundralser for their annual welfare project.

The November 22, 1963, benefit fashion show and card party event is interrupted by news that President John F. Kennedy has been shot while riding in a motorcade in Dallas. President Kennedy dies 30 minutes later.

Apr 1964 "Spanish Holiday" is the theme for the annual flower show and tea at the Club.



1965 14 members of TWCRP take a club-sponsored trip to Spain and Portugal.

April 1967 After 16 years at the podium, past-president Clara Boyd Cook ends her interesting series of talks entitled, "Discussion Invited."

Mrs. Cook Brings Lectures
To A Close After 16 Years

Nov 1969 The Junior Department

offers its second cookbook, titled "Second Billing," as part of its

annual welfare project.

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July 1964 TWCRP launches a "Get Out the Vote" campaign with a goal to achieve a 100% voting

CASEY AWARD PRESENTED HRS. THICKER



service to the Red Cross and the community". A plants not played in the main lobby of the Chapter Headquarters honors those who

cessed this mearl. wing is the citation which accompanied Mrs. Tweker's award:

CLARA D. TUCKER

out WILLIAM J. CASEY AWARD is pre-our many years of varied and outstands

Cross.

Through your determined efforts, a Voluntere Special Service Program of depth was established in 1949 enabling the Chapter to be prepared for Nord West II responsibilities. Again in 1943 you served as Chainna of Volunteer Services and, you the roorganization of the Volunteer Fourier in 1955, as Chapter Vice Chainna for Volunteers. You were a monther of the 1955, as Chapter Vice Chainna for Volunteers. You were a monther of the

1964 Past-president Clara Tucker receives the distinguished William J. Casey Award in recognition of outstanding service to the Red Cross during World War II.

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so one continuer, various much agencies have benefited by your pres-

their boards, and you have served as president of several larg organizations.

Therefore, it is with pride and pleasure that your Red Cross associate



Juniors members and about 800



Roland Park Women's Club Beginning 70th Year

> Nov 1969 The Club has 150 Senior members

Oct 1963 The Garden Section offers a flower-arranging and tablesetting demonstration at Hutzler's Department Store.

> Flower Arranging and Table Setting br

Woman's Club of Roland Park, Garden Section

Monday at 2 p.m. Lines Shop Downtown fourth floor

One of a series by well. known Garden Club mem hers, using Italian glass, chine and lineus.



Club celebrating 75th anniversary

The Woman's Club of Roland Park, celebrating its 78th anniversary through December, will hold a traditional Christmas Tea Tuesday with a Diamond Jubilee theme. The program, to be on Christmas traditions, will be presented by the club's past presidents. They include Mrs. Charles E. McPhail, Mrs. Gidoon N. Slieff, Mrs. John T. Tucker, Mrs. John J. Ghingher, Mrs. Walter S. Cook, Mrs. J. Harry Schister, Mrs. Lawrence E. Biemiller, Mrs. John R. Royster, Mrs. Theodore H. Erbe and Mrs. John C. Doub.

ter, Mrs. Theodore H. Erbe and Mrs. John C. Doub. Mrs. Robert W. Black and Mrs. Weldon T. Kilmon are cochairmen for the tea. Mrs. Franklin F. Hadd is program chairman and Mrs. W. Grafton "Hospengres; in president." Hersperger is president.

Members of the Diamond Jubilee committee are Mrs. McPhail, honorary chairman; Mrs. Stieff, chairman; Mrs. Biemiller, Mrs. Royster and

Oct 1973 Programs chairman

Mary Lou Beehler engages movie

star Ginger Rogers to give a talk at

the Club. A beloved past president

of the Juniors Department, Mary

Lou contributes to the Club's success for decades.

1971 TWCRP celebrates its Diamond Jubilee (75th Anniversary). Mrs. Grafton Hersperger is president of the club.

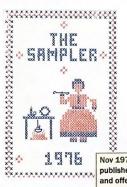


Dec 1974 The Woman's Club of Roland Park, Roland Park Historic District, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

1972 Potential members are eligible for the Junior Department after their 20th birthday and before their 30th birthday. Juniors can remain members of the Junior Department until age 38.

Jan 1974 Mayor William Donald Schaefer discusses "The New Baltimore" at the Club.





Nov 1976 The Junior Department publishes "the Sampler" cookbook and offers it for sale as part of its "Spirit of '76" welfare project.

Food Facts By G. K.

Graham Kerr, author who is better known to the public as the "Galloping Gourmet" (of television), has a few

norm Department of the senior club, has planned the program.

She says during the afternoon part of the program, following luncheon, there will be "an opportunity to ask questions and make comments on his (Kerr's) remarks."

Mrs. Franklin F. Hadd is president of the seniors; Mrs. John H. Engic, the juntop repetident.

Feb 1974 Lt. Commander John S. McCain discusses "What America Means to Me" during his talk at the Club.

Former POW To Speak

The Woman's Cub of Roband Park is sponsoring LL. Cmdr., John S. McCain 3d, (U.S.N.) former POW, who will be the guest speaker at ILIS A.M. March II at the clubbouse on Roland avenue.

This is a rescheduled meeting. His subject will be "What Amèrica Means To Me." Commander McCain is a 3d generation graduate of the United States Naval Academy, He served as a pilot in the Cuban missile crisis and flow his first mission over North Vietnam in mil-1997. As a prisoner of war for 5½ yearg, his weight dropped as low as 100 pounds. as 100 pounds.

Mrs. Albert Beehler is program chairman

THE MESSENGER

Report From Roland Park Woman's Club

July 1977

Nov 1983 The Junior Department presents "New Sweets and Old Styles," a fashion show featuring styles from 1896 to 1963.

Nov 1975

1980 Mississ

May 1982 The Garden Section presents "Rainbow Over Roland Park," the theme for its annual flower show.



1983 At the 1982 annual meeting, Dottie Stieff delights Club members with her puppets, "Fanny and Freddie."

> 1985 The Woman's Club installs its elevette, financed by member donations.

Apr 1987 Barbara Bush gives a talk at the Club. A witty and engaging speaker, Mrs. Bush discusses literacy issues facing the United States.





1991

1992 The Jean Strahan Memorial Lecture Fund is established by Dr. John F. Strahan to honor the memory of his wife, an active member from 1969 to 1983.

1992 Paul J. Gebelein, Jr., establishes the VanSant/Gebelein Memorial Fund, for Legislative and Civics programs, to honor the memory of his wife, her mother and her grandmother; three generations of Club members.

Oct 1995 The Honorable R. Sargent Shriver, Jr, speaks at the club. His topic is "A Special Man for a Special Cause."

1996 The Club celebrates its 100th Anniversary with initiatives to refurbish the clubhouse. The exterior is freshly painted. The auditorium is painted and the foyer receives a beautifully hand-painted memorial to mark the 100th anniversary dates. The dining room gets handsome new wallpaper in a flowering vine pattern featuring cherry blossoms. The ladies' room and the speakers' room are also remodeled.



Jan 1996 The Blizzard of 1996 dumps 22.5" of snow on Baltimore during a 2-day storm.



March 2002 The WCRP Clubhouse Foundation is formed. In 15 years, the Foundation raises over \$500,000 from members for the preservation of the building exterior and grounds.

2009 The Club launches

Fall 2003

The Woman's Club of Roland Park

4500 Roland Avenue



"October Odyssey"

You are cordially invited to visit and enjoy the amenities of our historic Club for any of the activities offered during October on a guest basis.

We offer two programs every Thursday with a catered luncheon and bridge parties on Friday.

Please join us as our guest this October

Inquiries welcome 410-889-0760



1996 The Stieff family commissions artist Frederic Schuler Briggs to paint "Tea at the Club." The gift honors of past-president Claire Stieff.



2000 The Club offers Great Decisions, an 8-week discussion course on world affairs.



2009 TWCRP begins hosting Roland Park's Spring Celebration, an annual event open to the local community.



our clubhouse caretaker. He continues to make a valuable contribution to the smooth running of the Club to this day. Thank you, Justin!





1997 The Mary D. McCormick Fund is established by Mrs. McCormick to fund music programs at the Club.

1997 The Marion Mudd Memorial Fund is established by Mrs. William C. Sieck to support community projects of the Club. Mrs. Mudd was an active member



2011



2011 Heather Harvison, the founder of My Sister's Circle, inspires the Club to get involved with her relationship-based program for mentoring middle school girls. Some members become mentors and others donate funds to support the organization's efforts.

> 2014 The Cherry Blossom Society is established as a way to acknowledge and thank members for planned giving to the Club. A cherry tree is planted on the front lawn to commemorate the event.

Feb 2017 In a Thursday program, Mollie Lange introduces TWCRP to her work with the international Days for Girls organization. By October Mollie is guiding DfG workshops at the Club, Volunteers sew and assemble feminine hygiene kits that are distributed to girls throughout the world.

2021 The Woman's Club of Roland Park turns 125, 1896 -2021. The Club commemorates the occasion with a bold new banner on Roland Avenue.





2020 During the COVID-19

pandemic, the Club begins live-

streaming Thursday programs. This

gives members and speakers the

flexibility to participate virtually if

they are unable to attend meetings.

House and garden tour makes Roland Park stop

Spring 2015 The Club hosts Roland Park's House and Garden Tour for the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage. 900 guests enjoy the hospitality of the Club and the event brings \$25,000 in ticket sales.



Garden Committee, chaired by Sally Black Anthony, completes its years-long project to redesign and upgrade landscaping.

Spring 2018 The Beatrix Farrand

2017 The Club gains 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.



2018 A custom-made, black steel pergola, a gift of Mr. & Mrs. Gideon N. Stieff, Jr., is installed in the garden. The design echoes architectural features of the tea house imagined by Beatrix Farrand.

> Apr 2022 The needlework group creates hundreds of yellow & blue yarn "corsages" for a fundraiser to aid war-torn Ukraine. More than \$5,500 is donated to Save the Children, Ukraine from the drive.

