

MOUNT AIRY JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

HISTORY

As you read the activities of 1952 of the Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club, it seems hard to believe it is not today, 1972. Twenty-five years have passed since 1947, but the work, support of local and state projects, community needs and genuine concern for mankind continues.

DATELINE: October, 1947, the first meeting of the Mt. Airy Junior Woman's Club was held at Veteran's Park, at which time five representatives of the Winston-Salem Juniors were present. The club was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Myers, Mrs. Ed Early and Mrs. Jim Vaughn. Twenty-nine charter members held their first meeting in November 1947 at which time the club became chartered by the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

The club met the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Blue Ridge Hotel for dinner followed by a business meeting and a social hour. The first President was Mrs. Robert Perkins, First Vice-President Mrs. Jim Vaughn, Second Vice President, Mrs. Lewis Trevathan, Secretary Mrs. Jim Hazel, Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Ed Early, Treasurer, Mrs. Jack Myers, Assistant Treasurer, Miss Jean Fliechmann and Reporter, Miss Lucy Poore.

The point system was established and each member is required to have 40 points each year. New members were invited, only if they have been sponsored by two chartered members, accepted by the club and voted by two-thirds majority. Ages from 18-35.

The clubs first project was Girl Scouting.

DATELINE: October, 1952. The club held its fifth anniversary. By now the club was really proving itself and the Mt. Airy Times heading "THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB, A BLESSING TO MOUNT AIRY," can be seen by the many projects carried out by the club.

Their work on the National level - sent stamps to Veterans, sponsored Get-Out-And-Vote, donations to Crusade for Children, Phillippine club women in Pacific to start work there, adopted needy family in Italy and sent clothing, food, wrote letters to pen pals in foreign countries.

State Level - clothing closet (over Hollingsworth Drug), Bundle Day, Children's Home Society, Jackson Training School, Caswell Training School, Ten Penny Art Fund, High School Speaking Contest on World Peace as 2 year project

Local level - For the first three years the club donated much time, and effort, but little money ---Then October 31, 1950 the club sponsored a Halloween Carnival - A Big Success - and have been accepted as a full full fledged civic club ever since. The Carnival was held at Reddick Field from 3:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. They had window painting contest, costume parade at Rawley Avenue, and a Costume Ball. One member is quoted as donating 104 hours of work on the carnival. Canvassed for the Red Cross, Cancer Society, Community Chest, March of Dimes, Christmas Seals, Blood Bank, Heart Fund, etc. Raised \$250.00 for Reeves Y. M.C.A. by having Antique Show and in 1952 had a Bazaar which grossed \$650.00 and was donated to Veterans Park and the Y.M.C.A. A stage show was presented in 1951

"Trippin Around" for students equipment and netted \$500.00. In the year of 52 the club gave \$300.00 to Veterans Park, \$500.00 to the High School and \$600.00 to YMCA.

The dues at this time were \$5.00 annually and \$2.00 initiation fee. The ladies treated the men to "Men's Night" each year in December.

Motto at that time: "THE UNION OF ALL FOR THE GOOD OF ALL"

DATELINE:

January 1972. We begin our 25th year of the Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club. Still meeting the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. But now at the Blu-Vue Restaurant for dinner meeting and program, followed by business meeting. We now have 38 members. The age remains the same as well as the 40 points required to maintain active membership. Dues have seen some change as they are now \$10.00 with \$5.00 initiation fee. During this year we have added departmentalization to our activities and each member serves in a department with a chairman. Projects are undertaken by Departments and supported by the club membership.

The club still has many of the same projects such as: Children's Home Society, Caswell, World Peace Speaking Contest, Get-Out-And-Vote. Soliciting for: United Fund, March of Dimes, Veterans Home, Heart Fund. We have added many new projects through the years - VIPS in Schools throughout the county, scholarships, Boy's Home, Western Carolina, Mother-and-Baby Care Classes, CARE, Project Concern, Murdock, O'Berry plus still Caswell Centers. New this year was a Craft Fair for our Fine Arts Center, Drugs, and still much time and money to the Library. We have helped retarded classes, by giving special parties and much time to the Holiday parties for the Special Education Classes. Our Ways and Means projects this year have grossed over \$2,400.00. Again this year we have had as our biggest project, the Coke Booth at the Autumn Leaves Festival which netted \$800.00. Club members decided to try some of the 1952 luck with a Halloween Carnival. Our carnival provided a place for children to come and have a good time on Halloween and also netted the club around \$400.00. The club has for the first time prepared to publish a cookbook. This will be our project in December and followup throughout next year.

Still active in the District and State projects, with many members being recognized on district and State Level for their accomplishments. We have had members to serve in various capacities over the years, including one State President from Mt. Airy and many District 6 level, including this year, our President serving as Junior Director of the District. This year for the first time our club yearbook won the gold ribbon for the district competition as well as our Newsletter. Our Scrapbook won first place in Class C. Many awards have been won for fine arts entries, as well as Boy's Home Bust for several years in succession.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of all is the newly formed Salt and Pepper Sub-Junior Club of Mt. Airy. We have 28 enthusiastic sub-juniors just waiting for federation in December. Proper thanks go to Shirley Brinkley for her many hours of dedication and determination to the Sub-Junior Club.

DATELINE: November 1972. This is the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club held at the Mount Airy Elks Lodge, on November 18, 1972. We see many new faces, many old faces and an age span - but no generation gap, for each of these women present have a tieing bond of having been or being a Member of the Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club. Having devoted many hours and work for civic betterment and especially to meet the immediate needs of its community.

DATELINE: Past, Present, Future: Our club is strong and alive, a vital force in our community. We, as a group, are working examples of all that can be accomplished by a sense of duty and perservation. We have accomplished much and in return have had opportunities to serve as a group and to grow individually.

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