

To
 The Past Presidents of the
 Des Moines Kammer Club
 This Book with Pen is Dedicated

Mrs. Charles N. Pierce
 Vice President
 Mrs A. H. Marshall
 Secretary -
 1930 - 1931

Closed with Minutes
 of May 3, 1947.

A Book of Friends! May it include
 The Wise, the Witty and the Shrewd,
 And such as own the double art
 That makes them friends of head and heart.
 May those who stand recorded here
 Grow dearer with each added year:
 Acquaintance into friendship grow,
 And friendships even brighter glow.
 Old friends are best no lightly say,
 But as they fall upon the way
 Keep full the ranks with newer friends,
 Till time the adjective amends.
 And if old friends still seem the best,
 The adage should be thus expressed:
 Friends are not best because they're old
 But old because the years that rolled
 The years that try and mar and mend -
 Have proved them worth the title, Friend.

S. Peir Mitchell.

Amey G. Bogardus — — —
elected but unable to serve because
of removal from City Mrs. Pierce
1st Vice President filled the office

Official Signatures of Past Presidents ⁵

{ Mrs. R. C. Peters - } { Mary Helen Baylies }	1896-1897
Virginia A. Richardson	1897-1898
Helen Virginia Elbert	1902-1904
Lora M. Cummings	1904-1905
Belle M. Gilchrist	1905-1906
Marie M. Canell	1906-1913-1914
Susan A. Brown.	1910-1911

Ridell

Grundy.

Spokane

Nellie H. Hann	1915-1916
Flornice C. Cowles	1917-1918
Daisy A. Green	1918-1919
Alice C. Weitz	1920-1922
Lillian M. Travers	1922-1923
Alice C. Kirk	1923-1924
Olivia M. Butler	1924-1925
Janey K. Elliott	1925-1926
Frances G. Clark	1926-1927
Burtha C. Shore	1927-1928
Mary R. Marshall	1928-1929
Elizabeth D. Pierce	1929-1930
John R. Corson	1930-1931

Bessie Marshall	1931-1932
Mellie M. Elliott	1932-1933
Myrtle H. Johnston	1933-1934
Edna L. Evans	1934-1935
Edna H. Follett	1935-1936
Sarah Shields Kraetoch	1936-1937
Bessie Stewart Huttenlocher (Mrs. R. W.)	1937-1938
Carrie Watters Gendrich	1939-40
Gladys C. Newton	1940-1941
Olivia L. Bolton	1941-1942
Lora L. Mills	1942-1943
Kathleen C. Payseur	1943-1944
Susan A. Brown Pres. of East. Pres. Club	1945-1946
Helen L. Root	1944-45

BY BLANCHE WINGATE.

A FRIENDSHIP circle, yet to be christened, was organized recently through the forethought of two past presidents of the Des Moines Women's club, Mrs. J. C. Cummins and Mrs. H. L. Carrell, who entertained all living past presidents in the city at luncheon at historic Hoyt Sherman place.

Without any premonition that another club was to be organized the guests assembled at the clubhouse and between courses read the friendship verses written by Mrs. Carrell upon the individual place cards.

Later through a suggestion made by Mrs. R. R. Peters it was proposed that a friendship circle might be organized and Mrs. Cummins was named the chairman pro tem.

Upon the unanimous vote of the past presidents the club was organized and Mrs. Peters as the oldest member was named the president. Mrs. Charles N. Pierce, the youngest, was chosen to serve as vice president and Mrs. Mary Marshall, the secretary.

With sparkling ginger ale, served in old fashioned cut glass goblets a toast was drunk to the new organization with Mrs. B. F. Elbert as the toastmistress. As a benediction with hands clasped in an unbroken circle the group sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

And so another club was formed with its members including women, who have helped in years past to mold public opinion and to seek the cultural.

The group includes Mesdames Peters, D. H. Reichard, Elbert, Cummins, Carrell, Ernest W. Brown, C. E. Hunn, Gardner Cowles, Frank O. Green, Fred W. Weitz, Louis C. Kurtz, Frank C. Travers, Eugene Cutler, Henry E. Elliott, Howard J. Clark, F. E. V. Shore and Marshall; Pierce and Miss Belle Gilcrest.

Recording Secretary's Report of the meeting for the Organization of the Past Presidents of the Des Moines Woman's Club

The Past Presidents of the Des Moines Woman's Club, now residing in Des Moines, were invited to a Luncheon given by Mrs. H. L. Carrell and Mrs. J. C. Cummins, on October Fifteenth, 1930 in the Dining Room at Hoyt Sherman Place. Those present beside the hostesses were - Mesdames J. A. Peters, D. H. Reichard, B. F. Elbert, Ernest W. Brown, C. E. Humm, Gardner Cowles, Louis C. Kurtz, Eugene Cattle, Henry E. Elliott, Howard J. Clark, F. E. V. Shore, A. H. Marshall, Charles N. Pierce and Mrs. George Cosson. The present President of the Club.

Miss Belle Gilcrest. Mesdames
F. O. Green, F. H. Heitz and Mrs.
Frank C. Travers were not present.

Following luncheon Mrs.
Peters presented the thought
that it seemed an opportune
time to have an organization
of the Past Presidents of the
Women's Club. She moved
with Mrs Kurtz's second that
such an organization be formed.
Motion Carried.

Mrs. J. C. Cummins was
elected Temporary Chairman
Mrs. Cowles moved, seconded
by many, that Mrs. R. R. Peters-
the oldest Past President here,
be elected the President of this
organization and that Mrs.
Charles N. Pierce be elected
the Vice President. Motion Carried

Mrs. Elliott moved, seconded
by Mrs. Brown that Mrs. A. H.
Marshall be elected Recording
Secretary - Motion Carried

The general plan for the organization is to get together two or three times a year to enjoy more fully the bond of "Common Interest" that has grown out of having served as President of the Women's Club.

Mrs. Elbert expressed her appreciation - and voiced the sentiment of all present - to Mrs. Carrell and Mrs. Cummings for making this organization possible.

After the short business session "Past President Friendly Thoughts" prepared by Mrs. Carrell - were enjoyed by each member present. Each quotation being a message of genuine friendliness.

The meeting closed with the drinking of a Toast to the success of this newest organization of the Ames Home Women's Club - the Past Presidents.

As a benediction the meeting
was adjourned with the
unbroken circle of clasped
hands and the singing of
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Respectfully Submitted
Mary P. Marshall
Recording Secretary

What?

Luncheon
Past Presidents Des Moines Women's Club

Who?

Mrs. A. H. Marshall
Mrs. Chas. F. Pierce

When?

Wednesday April 16th 1931
at Twelve-fifteen

Where?

Hoyt Sherman Dining Room

Please Reply

On April 15th, 1931 The Past Presidents of the Homerois Club were invited to a luncheon held in the Dining Room at Hoyt Sherman Place with Mrs. Charles H. Pierce and Mrs. A. H. Marshall as hostesses.

Members present were -
 Mesdames Peters, Reichard, Elbert, Cummings, Carrell, Kunn, Greer, Weitz, Cutler, Elliott, Clark, Pierce and Marshall.

Following luncheon - Mrs. Pierce ~~in~~ ^{at} Melcorne ~~the~~ members present said -
 "We are all traveling along together on the 'Friendly Road' and these meetings from time to time serve the pleasant purpose of causing us to pause and talk together the incidents along the way."

Some of our members

To Mesdames Pierce & Marshdale.
concerning Wed-apr. 1872

I'll sure be here with braids and bells,
To lunch together with the swells
who once presided o'er the club.
But what to wear - ah, that's the rub.

In April I am always low
In clothes and things. That make a show,
So if I come sans coat and hat
— is cause I love you - think o' that.

Alice C. Weight

have needed to make "detours" of various kinds and some have been detained along the way and could not join us today.

Mrs. Carles has been on a detour, toward health, in Arizona and we now have the glad word that she is about to start for home.

Mrs. Brown has followed a complicated detour in foreign lands.

Mrs. Travers, after loitering on a quiet peaceful detour is gradually regaining the more peopled main road.

Mrs. Shore has been on a detour of sadness and heartache and I am sure has had the sincere sympathy of all.

Mrs. Kurtz has accompanied her husband on a detour in search of health -

a Record book, together with
 Poem. The gift of the Vice
 President and Secretary,
 was dedicated to the Past
 Presidents organization
 Personal signatures of
 each member present
 was inscribed therein.

The President, Mrs. Peters,
 presented a number of
 queries to be considered
 at our Annual meeting
 in October-1931

1. Shall we have a Constitution
 and Bylaws? or Shall we
 be governed by Resolutions
 only? -

2. How shall accepted
 Resolutions be changed?

3. How many shall constitute
 a quorum?

4. Shall there be nominal
 dues for Stationery and
 postage and for a small
 Emergency fund? -

San Marcos
 Chandler, Arizona

April 11th 31

My dears, Mrs Quiree and
 Mrs Marshall: —

I am so sorry I wont
 reach Do Morinos until ~~the~~ the sixteenth,
 and so cant be with you at your
 delightful luncheon for the Post
 Presidents of the Womens Club.
 I am sure you will have a

than recalling good times that are
past. Even the times that didn't seem
so good when they were happening are
fun talking over later.

Hoping to see you both soon
and thanking you for the kind
invitation. I am

Most cordially. Florence O. Corcoran

5. Shall meetings (be) called officially by the President or as courtesies extended by individual members
 The at 405 Sherman Place
 excepting from May to October?

Informal discussion seemed to convey the opinion ^{that} we are organized only for pleasant associations and not for serious business considerations.

Considerable discussion was given the "Cummins Memorial Library" and Mrs. Weitz suggested a note of dissatisfaction could be sent to the Library Board concerning the lack of care given to this part of the Library.

Respectfully Submitted
 (Meeting adjourned.)

Mary R. Marshall
 Recording Secretary.

The First Annual Meeting
of the Past Presidents of the
Hoosier Dames Club
was held at Hoyt Sherman
Place - October 21st - 1931.

The meeting was held in the
Dining Room in Hoyt Sherman
Place with Mrs. G. G. Peters
and Mrs. B. F. Elbert Losteress.

Members present were
Mrs. Langer. Peters. Elbert.
Humm. Travers. Brown.
Carroll. Shozel. Pierce.
Cummings. Carson. Clark.
Elliott Reichard. Marshall
and Miss Belle Gilcrest.

Mrs. Peters, the President, called
the meeting to order following
luncheon and stated "This
is the first 'Annual Meeting' -
the first meeting was for the
organization."

Minutes of the meetings held
October 15th - 1930 - and April
15th 1931 were read and
approved.

Women's Club Group to Meet at Luncheon

The Past Presidents of the Des Moines Women's club will hold a meeting Wednesday at Hoyt Sherman place. After the 12:30 p. m. luncheon, election of officers will be held.

The president, Mrs. R. R. Peters, and Mrs. Helen V. Elbert will serve as hostesses.

The Past Presidents club consisting of 20 resident members was organized Oct. 15, 1930, at a luncheon tendered for that purpose by Mrs. J. C. Cummins and Mrs. H. L. Carrell.

The membership includes those named and Miss Belle Gilcrest and the Mesdames:

D. H. Reichard	Eugene Cutler
H. L. Carrell	Henry E. Elliott
C. E. Hunn	Howard J. Clark
Gardner Cowles	F. E. V. Shore
Frank O. Green	A. H. Marshall
Fred W. Weitz	Charles N. Pierce
Frank C. Travers	George Cosson
L. C. Kurtz	

Miss Gilcrest moved with Mrs. Cooson's Record that each one pay for her own luncheon unless some one wishes to entertain the group. Motion Carried. Mrs. Cummins suggested that the organization be called the "Past Presidents Friendly Group". Mrs. Cummins moved that we have three meetings a year. Mrs. Clark amended the motion by changing "three" to "two". The motion as finally passed is "That the Past Presidents have two meetings a year in the dining room at Noy's Sherman Place. These meetings to be held in October and April."

Mrs. Cummins moved that this group be known as the "Past Presidents Friendly Group" - following discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Mrs. Elbert moved with Mrs. Currell's second that Mrs. Howard Clark be elected

President and Mrs Henry Elliott be elected Secretary. Motion Carried.

Mrs Brown moved with Mrs. Pierce's second that Miss Gilcrest be elected Vice President Motion Carried.

Mrs. Carrell moved seconded by many that Mrs Peters and Mrs Elbert be given a vote of thanks for the lovely luncheon. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
 Mary A. Marshall
 Recording Secretary.

Tuesday February 23rd, the officers of the Club entertained the past presidents at the home of Mrs. Howard J. Clark.

There were eighteen members present. The three absentees were Mrs. Gardner Cowles who was sojourning in the South, Mrs. Eugene C. C. and Miss Bonnie Marshall, the latter on account of the death of her father.

A delicious luncheon was served to the guests who were seated at one large table in the dining room and two smaller tables in the living room.

The place cards bore only the date of the year when service as president was given - and would we dare add there were some whisperings as "when did I serve"? however each

guest was seated correctly.

Reminiscences of "my year" and of the early club happenings furnished the entertainment of the afternoon.

There was no business transacted.

The hostesses were,

Mrs. Howard J. Clark, Pres.
Miss Belle Gilbreth Vice Pres.
Mrs. Henry E. Ellioth

Rec. Secy.

Respectfully submitted
Fanny K. Ellioth

MRS HENRY E FELL 1011=

1311 NINTH ST DESMOINES IOWA=

GREETINGS AND LOVE TO MY PAST PRESIDENT SIST
A HAPPY DAY AND A HAPPY YEAR FOR YOU AND FOR
CLUB MAY RENTALS BE MANY RECEIPTS LARGE EXPE
LUNCHEONS GOOD SPEAKERS WISE AND MAY YOU MEET
THE SUMMER WHEN I AM THERE DEVOTEDLY=

FLORENCE C COWLES..

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MRS HENRY E ELLIOTT=

The October meeting of the Pash Presidents of the Women's Club was held at Hoyt Sherman Place, Wednesday October 19, 1932.

There were fifteen members present.

The election of officers takes place at the October meeting.

Mrs. Howard Clark, Pres. Called the meeting to order preceeding the luncheon.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

A telegram was read from Mrs. Gardiner Carter who was then in Washington D. C. It was full of good wishes for the Women's Club.

The Sec'y. was instructed to answer this message expressing the appreciation of the Club for her love and encouragement.

Nominations were then in order for officers for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Mrs. Westly and seconded "that the method used

in the selection of the officers be similar to the one used in the Past Presidents' Club of the City Federation" - namely "The senior member in the order of her service be named President the next in order as V. President" This motion carried and the officers named were.

President Mrs. D. H. Reichard
V. Pres. Mrs. B. F. Elbert.

It was further moved, seconded and carried "that the last retired president be made the Rec. Secy." Miss Bonnie Marshall was named for this office.

Meeting adjourned.

Nancy K. Elliott
Rec. Secy.

The group of Past Presidents of The Des Moines Women's Club met for a luncheon in the dining room, on Wednesday April 10, 1933. They were called to order by the President Mrs. D. H. Reichard. Minutes of the fall meeting, when officers are named, were read and approved.

Mrs. Reichard then opened an informal discussion of events, of particular interest relative to the early days and the formation of our club. During her term 1897-1898, no one group was responsible for a program. It was individual effort, and "Of course there were limits." She told of the time the women brought Lucy Stone and Julia Ward Howe to Des Moines for an evening meeting. In her opinion this event was most instrumental in the decision to organize the D. M. Women's Club. Seventeen of the Past Presidents

were in attendance: Mesdames Peters, Reichard, Elbert, Carroll, Brown, Green, Weitz, Kutz, Butler, Elliott, Clark, Shore Marshall, Pierce, Bogardus, Casson and Miss Marshall. No formal business was conducted.

The meeting was adjourned to convene on the third Wednesday of October 1933, on motion made by Mrs. Casson, and seconded by Mrs. Pierce.

Bonnie Marshall
Rec. Sec'y.

An attempt was made to call the Past Presidents of D. M. Women's Club together for a meeting Oct. 18-1933.

Mrs. Peters was too ill to come, Mrs. Cummins was out of town, and it was found that others could not attend, so the date was cancelled.

Bonnie Marshall
Rec. Sec'y.

During the period between April 1933 and October 1934 three of our number were added to the Club's "En Memoriam"

Mrs. B. F. Elbert

Mrs. D. H. Reichard

Mrs. C. E. Hunn

Miss Belle Gilchrist resigned her membership in the Club.

Bonnie Marshall
Rec. Sec'y.

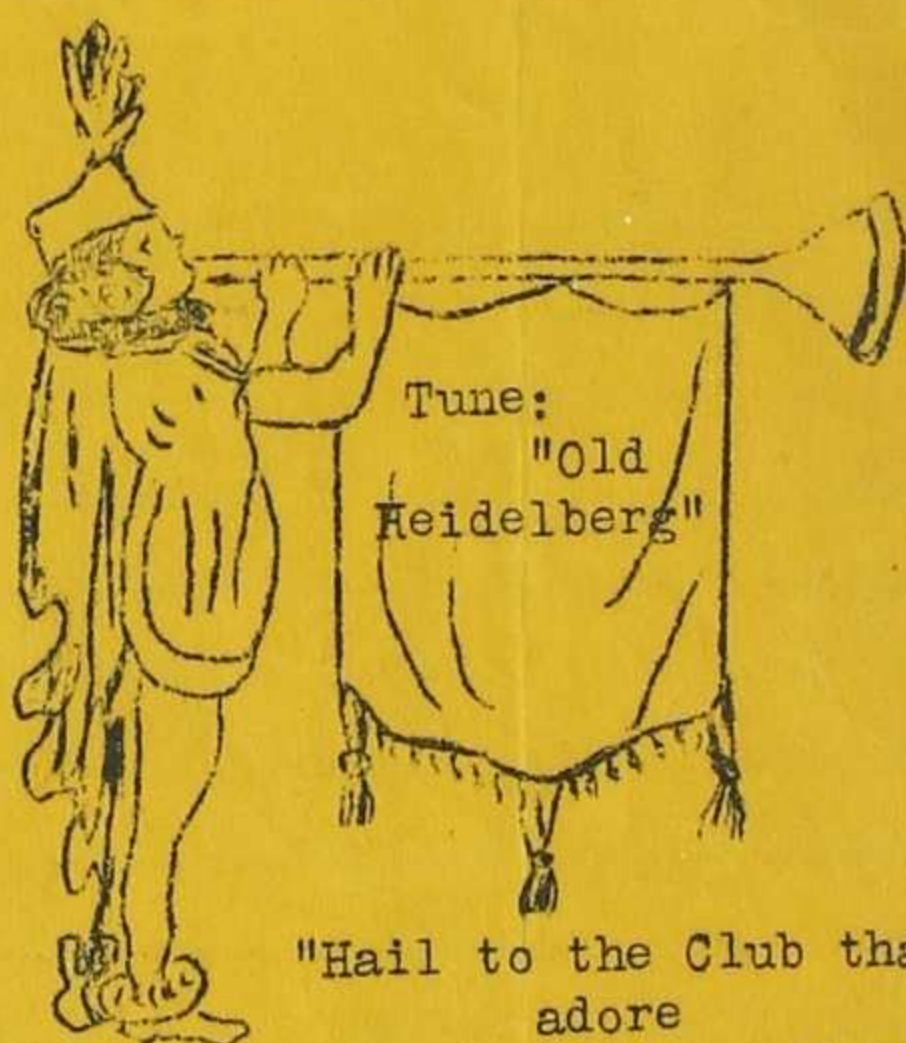
October 17-1934 the Past Presidents group had a special table for luncheon in the Art Gallery.

Ruth Bryan Owen was the speaker for the day, and the members of the group wished to be seated in the main dining room, where we might see the honored guest. The plane on which she came to Des Moines was delayed however, and she failed to keep her luncheon engagement.

Present at this time were Mesdames Carrell, Henry Elliott, Shore, Neitz, Rossau, Pierce, H. Elliott, Johnston Cummins, Marshall and Miss Bonnie Marshall.

No attempt was made to transact business, as all were anxious to hear Mrs. Owen on the subject "The Life of a Diplomat".

Bonnie Marshall
Rec. Sec'y



"Hail to the Club that we
adore
Fifty and fine and fair,
Hail to the hours we've spent with
thee

At luncheons and programs, rare.
Hail to the Spirit you've maintained
Thru time's e'er changing hue,
Hail to the place you've made for us
Women's Club - Hail to you!

O Presidents of former years
Our thanks to you today,
For all you've done of work and fun
To guide us on our way.
You did it all with tact and love
With sacrifice and cheer,
Success today is due to you
For Fifty Golden Years.
Success today is due to you
For Fifty Golden Years."

Repeat:

"Hail to the Club that we adore"--

In October (the sixteenth) 1935, the Club's Golden Anniversary year, the Past Presidents met at the Club's invitation, as special guests for a beautiful birthday luncheon.

The table, at which eighteen were seated, was beautifully arranged with candles and floral decorations, and at each place were "golden" corsages.

A very special tribute was paid these former officers, by the large Club membership present. All joined in singing the cleverly worded lyrics prepared for the occasion.

At the close of the luncheon, a group picture was taken of the Past Presidents, with the Club Auditorium as a back ground.

The day was also honored by the presence of Mrs. Percy Pennyfacker, whose subject was "What each Generation can do for the Other".

Elizabeth S. Purce, Recorder

New Years Day 1936, the Past Presidents were hostesses at Hayt Sherman Place from three to six P. M., at an Open House, in the manner so popular years ago. Club members and their friends were urged to call, and enjoy the custom of former times. That it can still be an honored custom was shown by the response. Guests braved icy streets, to meet in the Club rooms over a cup of tea, with fruit cake.

A program of vocal and piano music was interspersed, and added to the pleasure of the callers. Mrs. Esther P. Paul in an old fashioned costume, sang some old time favorites in her usual pleasing manner.

This was a pleasing feature of the Club's Golden Anniversary celebration.

Elizabeth D. Pierce
Recorder

In April 22, 1936 the Past President's group was called to meet for the last luncheon of the club year.

A business meeting was called to elect new officers, following the tasty luncheon.

As there was no presiding officer, Mrs. Shore made a nomination from the floor, proposing Mrs. H.C. Cummins as President. The informal ballot was made formal (by motion) and Mrs. Cummins was declared elected.

Mrs. Gordon Elliott, in like manner was chosen as Secretary for the coming year.

The fifteen attending were Mesdames Cummins, Brown, Wells, Kurtz, Clark, Shore, Embroff, Pierce, Bagardus, Coesou, G. Elliott, Johnston, Evans and Miss Marshall. The Meeting adjourned.

Bonnie Marshall
Rec. Sec'y.

October 18, 1937 the Past Presidents were luncheon guests of Mrs L. C. Kuntz at her home. Those present were Mrs. J. C. Cummings, Carroll, Sherr. Clark, Charles, Cutler, Green, Harty, Carson, Embaff, Henry, Eccitt, Gordon Eccitt, Bogardus, Pierce, Evans, Johnston, Kautsch, Follett, Kuntz, and Bonnie Marshall. Mrs. Hutterlocher, the present president was also a guest.

Mrs J. C. Cummings, president, called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs Cummings spoke on the early formation of the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs and of the Des Moines Woman's Club.

withdrawal from the
Federation

Mrs Carroll moved that
the Past Presidents
recommend, to the Board
of Directors of the Do Manner
Women's Club, that application
be made to the Iowa
Federation of Women's Clubs
for reinstatement of the
Do Manner Women's Club
to membership beginning
in 1938-39 administration
motion carried.

The secretary was
instructed to write notes
to those past presidents
not present at the meeting.

The election of officers
resulted as follows:

President Mrs H. L. Carroll
Secretary Mrs. Joseph Johnston.

Meeting adjourned

Mrs Gordon L. Elliott.
Secy.

The Past Presidents of the Des Moines Women's Club met for lunch at Hoyt Sherman Place Dec. 14/1938

The President, Mrs H. L. Carrell presided.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting held Oct. 18, 1937 were dispensed with.

Mrs. Gardner Cowles was elected President of the Past Presidents and

Mrs. George Kraetich was elected Secretary

Mrs. Ernest Brown, having been ill and having recently passed through great sorrow, was lovingly welcomed by everyone.

She came on crutches but she stands as one of our stalwart members.

The initiation of our new Past President,

Mrs. Raymond Kuttelocker

followed.

According to form she swore allegiance to a number of friendly quips and thus became a nut.

The following Presidents answered to Roll Call

Medames J. C. Cummings
 H. L. Carrell
 Gardner Bowles
 Fred W. Weitz
 Louis C. Kurtz
 Henry E. Elliott
 J. E. V. Shore
 Victor Enkhoff
 L. W. Bogardus
 Charles W. Pierce
 George Casson
 Gordon L. Elliott
 Josiah Johnston
 Donald Evans
 George A. Kraetich
 W. C. Riddell
 Ernest Brown
 Raymond W. Kuttelocker
 and Miss Bonnie Marshall.

A very good time was had by all and another happy reunion came to an end when we said "Goodbye" to each old friend.

To quote from our Record Book

'Friends are not best because they're old

But old because the years that rolled

The years that try and wear and mend -

Have proved them worth the title "Friend"

Myrtle Harlan Johnston
Recording Secretary.

On June 11-1940 Mrs Gardner
Covales (Pres) entertained the
Past Presidents of the
Des Moines Woman's Club
at luncheon at Hoyt Sherman
Place. Mrs F.O. Green was
re-elected President for
the ensuing year, & Mrs
Don Evans Secy.

Mrs J.C. Cummings paid tribute
to Mrs R. R. Peters a Past President
who had passed away.

Mrs Cummings also told of the
Books given to the Alice Baird
Cummings Memorial Collection.
Carl Sandburgs "Lincoln" and
a gift by Mrs Erwin Schueck
"Women of the Civil War."

Mrs Cummings told of the
earlier days of the club, particularly
the period when it met
at the old Y. M. C. A. Bldg.

It was moved by Mr. Cullen
seconded by Mrs Evans, that
it meet as a group once
a month at the Club House.

for luncheon - Carried.
 Mrs Cosson read a letter
 from Mrs Newton asking Pres
 asking the Past President's
 cooperation in a plan for
 the first fall meeting.

Mrs Cosson was chosen chairman
 to represent the year groups.
 The Past Pres were grouped
 in committees to represent
 various years.

1st Com. Mrs J. C. Cummings

1920 to 30

Mrs H L Carrell

Mrs Ernest Brown

Mrs F O Green

Mrs Gardner Cowles

Mrs W O Riddell.

2nd Com - Mrs Weitz

1930 - to 40

Mrs Evans

Mrs Chad Pince.

Mrs Mauburner moved
 a vote of Thanks to Mrs Cowles
 & the Past President for a
 delightful day. Carried
 Moved That the group adjourn
 Carried. Sarah H. H. H.
 Rec. Secy

October 1940

At the call of Mrs. Frank Green, Past Presidents met for luncheon at the Clubhouse early in October. 20 attended. A business meeting followed the luncheon.

Mrs. Eugene Cutler presented a proposal that a Foundation Fund be established in honor of Mrs. Perry Hill, the first President of the State Federation.

This fund would be a contribution of the Sixth District and would be administered under the direction of the State Federation.

Several districts of the Federation have already set up similar funds. General discussion followed.

Several proposals were made as to method of starting the fund. One was that the Past Presidents either give a cash party or make personal contributions -

no plan was acted upon.
 Mrs. Louis Hurty moved that
 we endorse Mrs. Cutlers
 recommendation and
 cooperate in carrying it
 to a conclusion, but
 that action as to money
 and means be deferred
 until after Jan 1.
 Motion was carried after
 this union recorded it.
 Meeting adjourned
 Edwin L. Evans
 Sec. Dec.

1942

At the invitation of our
president, Mrs. Frank Green,
the Past Presidents of the
Duo Mornies Homeis Club
met for luncheon at the
clubhouse March 25, 1942.

During the meeting which
followed, Mrs. Fred Fritz read
a resolution expressing our
sorrow in the passing
of our beloved member
Mrs. H. L. Savrell and telling
of her invaluable services
to our Homeis Club.

Mrs. Gordon L. Elliott moved
acceptance of the resolution
Mrs. Victor Emborg seconded it
and the motion was carried.

A copy of the resolution
was to be sent the family.

Election of officers for
the coming year followed.
President, Mrs. Fred Fritz,
Secretary, Mrs. Ray Newton.
Mrs. Green asked Mrs. Fritz

to take charge of the business meeting which followed -

Edna L. Evans -
Sec. Dec.

Mrs Fritz called the meeting to order.

A motion was made thanking Mrs. Green for the luncheon served.

A motion was made by Mrs. J. S. Cummings that the group meet every two months served.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we accept the invitation of Mrs. Lewis Bolton to sit as a group at her table for the Thanksgiving breakfast - served.

Mrs. George Foxcroft moved, seconded by Mrs. Victor Enhoff that the Past Presidents of the Club give their cooperation to Mrs. Norton

as chairman of the local
 arrangements for the
 coming Biennial Convention,
 held at Hoyt Sherman
 in May 1943. Carried
 Meeting adjourned -
 Gladys Newton Secy-

The Past Presidents of the
Des Moines Women's Club met
for a luncheon meeting
Jan. 5, 1944 at Hoyt Sherman
Place

Those present were
Mrs. Earnest Brown
Mrs. Frank Green
Mrs. Fred Weitz
Mrs. Louis Kurtz
Mrs. G. J. Bogardus
Mrs. Chas. Pierce
Miss Bonnie Marshall
Mrs. Josiah Johnston
Mrs. Donald Evans
Mrs. C. W. Tallett
Mrs. Geo. Kraetsch
Mrs. Raymond Huttenlocher
Mrs. Eugene Manheimer
Mrs. Lealie French
Mrs. Ray Newton
Mrs. Lewis Bolton
Mrs. Bert Mills

Following the luncheon the
Pres. Mrs. Fred Weitz called
the meeting to order. The

minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

As a tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. C. Cummins, Mrs. Wertz read the minutes of the organization of the "Friendship Club". This meeting was held after a luncheon given by Mrs. Cummins and Mrs. H. L. Carrell on Oct 15th 1930.

Mrs. Huttenlocher moved that each Past Pres. contribute \$1.00 to the Treasury - and that \$1.00 be given to the Memorial fund following the death of each member.

Seconded by Mrs. Manheimer. Mrs. Kraetch moved that the Treasurership be added to the duties of the Recording Sec, and \$1.00 was collected from each person who was present.

Mrs. I. C. Kurty was elected
Pres. - and Mrs. Lewis Bolton
Sec. - for the following year.
Meeting adjourned

Gladys Newton
Rec. Sec.

Additions:

The secretary was
instructed to place \$10.00 in
the Memorial Art Fund
in memory of Mrs. J. C. Cummings
who died Dec. 2, 1943

She was president of the Des
Moines Women's Club from 1904-1905

A tribute was paid to Mrs.
George Cosson by Mrs. Weitz
She passed away Feb. 3, 1943
Mrs. Cosson was president
1930-1931. Mrs. Don Evans
reported that a collection
was taken at the time of
her death and \$7.50 was
placed in the Memorial Art Fund in her
memory.

Mrs. Cosson Dies in West

Club Leader Victim of Pneumonia.

Mrs. George Cosson, wife of the Des Moines attorney, died Wednesday in San Francisco, Cal., following a sudden attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Cosson was visiting her son, Capt. Clarence Cosson, stationed in San Francisco, when she became ill.

Mrs. Cosson was a former president of the Des Moines Women's club and at one time was a member of the city park board.

She was a member of the First Methodist church, a trustee of Simpson college, Indianola, Ia., and a member of the San Souci club in Des Moines.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Captain Cosson and Lieut. George C. Cosson, jr., Kansas City, Mo.; two daughters, Mary Kathryn Cosson, a teacher in the Coachella, Cal., schools; and Mrs. Allen Heywood, Philadelphia, Penn.; two sisters, Mrs. Harriet Biddle of Long Beach, Cal., and Mrs. Nellie Riggins, Cleveland, Ohio; and a brother, Tom Riggs, Mercedes, Tex.

Heart Attack Is Fatal to Mrs. Cummins

Mrs. J. C. Cummins, 85, widely known Des Moines club woman and civic leader, died at 12:15 a. m. Thursday at her home in the Commodore hotel. She had suffered a heart attack last spring and had been confined to her apartment for several months.

Mrs. Cummins was born at Geneva Lake, Wis., Feb. 12, 1858, and came here in 1878. Interested in the welfare of young women coming to Des Moines to seek employment, Mrs. Cummins headed a group of women which launched the Business Women's association home at 1125 Pleasant st.

Mrs. Cummins served as president of the board of directors of the home for 32 years, and was honorary president at the time of her death. She also was a past president of the Des Moines Women's club, and had served many years as a director of that organization, in addition to being a member of the directory board of the Iowa Federation of Women's clubs.

Plymouth.

Mrs. Cummins was a member of Chapter Q of the P.E.O. for 30 years, and was an active member of Plymouth Congregational church for more than 60 years.



MRS. CUMMINS.

Mrs. Cummins was the widow of J. C. Cummins, pioneer insurance executive and brother of the late United States Senator Albert B. Cummins. Mr. Cummins resigned as president of the Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa in 1919 because of ill health. His death occurred in 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummins were married Dec. 17, 1878, in Chicago, Ill., and came directly to Des Moines where Mr. Cummins at the time was engaged in the practice of law.

Survivors.

Mrs. Cummins is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Anne C. Culbertson, and a son James A. Cummins, both of Des Moines, also seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at Dunn's funeral home at 11 a. m. Friday, with the Rev. Frederick Meek officiating. The body will be cremated.

Mrs. Kurtz Is Hostess to Club Group

MRS. L. C. KURTZ, 220 Thirty-seventh st., entertained at a luncheon Wednesday for the Past Presidents' club of the Des Moines Women's club. Mrs. Pritchard J. Payseur is a new member of the club.

Guest of honor was Mrs. Frank S. Root, new Women's club president.

A short business meeting followed the luncheon.

September 27, 1944

Mrs. L. C. Kurtz, President of the Past Presidents Club of the Des Moines Women's Club entertained the members at a one o'clock luncheon in her home Wednesday Sept. 27, 1944. Twenty-one accepted her invitation. Those present were:

Mrs. Ernest Brower
 Mrs. Gardner Cowles
 Mrs. Frank O. Green
 Mrs. L. C. Kurtz
 Mrs. Howard J. Clark
 Mrs. F. E. V. Shore
 Mrs. Victor Eulichoff
 Mrs. G. W. Bogardus
 Mrs. Charles W. Pierce
 Miss Bonnie Marshall
 Mrs. Gordon Elliott
 Mrs. Josiah Johnston
 Mrs. Donald Evans
 Mrs. B. W. Follett
 Mrs. George R. Kraetsch
 Mrs. Raymond Huttelbrecker
 Mrs. Lellie French

Mrs. Ray D. Newton
 Mrs. Lewis Bolton
 Mrs. Bert H. Mills
 Mrs. Pritchard Payson

Mrs. Frank S. Root, the newly elected president of the Des Moines Women's Club was a guest.

Following the luncheon a short business meeting was held. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The secretary reported: five letters written to members explaining the dollar dues. Others not present at the previous meeting were reached by telephone.)

Letter was written to Mrs. Culbertson expressing sympathy for the death of her mother Mrs. J. C. Cummings. Letter was sent to Mrs. W. O. Riddell in Iowa Methodist Hospital for an operation. Letter was sent to Mrs. Henry E. Elliott in California.

Mrs. F. C. Travers

Died Yesterday

In Frail Health For Several Years

Mrs. Libbie Travers, wife of the News Advertiser editor, Frank C. Travers, died at 5:30 p. m. yesterday at her home, 609 West Mills street. She had been in frail health for a number of years but had been critically ill for only a few days.

Mrs. Travers was born on Dec. 17, 1868, in Knox county, Mo., the daughter of John and Ann Miller. She spent most of her girlhood in Kirksville, Mo., graduating from the state teachers' college there. Later she taught at a small college which then existed at Bloomfield, Iowa, where she met and married her husband.

From 1910 until 1932 she made her home in Des Moines and was active in many phases of the club, church and civic work of the city. She was president of the Des Moines federation of women's clubs during the first world war and of the Des Moines woman's club the year that that organization built the Hoyt Sherman auditorium. She also served as a trustee of Drake university and on the boards of directors of the Y. W. C. A., St. Monica's home and other philanthropic organizations and for several years was a state officer of both the missionary society and the girls' junior society of the Christian church. Mrs. Travers often expressed her regret that ill health prevented her from taking any active part in the community life of Creston after she came here with her husband in 1932.

She was a member of the P. E. O. sisterhood and the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

In addition to her husband, her immediate surviving relatives are two daughter, Mrs. H. S. Hoyt and Isabel Travers, both of Creston, and two grandchildren, S. Sgt. Robert S. Hoyt, now home on furlough from Camp Rucker, Ala., and Elizabeth Hoyt.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Curl funeral home in Bloomfield and burial will be at Bloomfield.

*From -
Creston News Advertiser*

in a hospital with a broken hip.
 Letter was sent to Mr. Frank
 Travers at Creston, Iowa expressing
 our sympathy in the death
 of Mrs. Travers.

The chair announced
 the death of Mrs. Frank Travers
 who passed away Sept. 12, 1944
 Mrs. Travers served the club
 as president 1922-1923

Mrs. Josiah Johnston gave
 a lovely tribute to Mrs.
 Travers and moved that
 ten dollars be sent to the
 Memorial Art Fund in
 her memory. Carried.

Letters were read from
 Mrs. W.O. Riddell and Mrs.
 Henry E. Elliott expressing
 regret, because of illness,
 at being unable to meet
 with us. A letter from
 Mrs. Blanche Grunsky expressed
 continued interest in the
 fine work of the club and
 enclosed dues. (from California)

Miss Isabel Travers expressed in a letter the appreciation of her father and herself for our expression of sympathy.

The Sec. Treas. reported \$28.00 received in dues.

\$10.00 sent to Memorial Art Fund for Mrs. Cummins leaving \$18.00 in treasury. Mrs. Eunkhoff spoke in behalf of the Club History Research Committee asking for co-operation.

Mrs. Kraitsch moved that we reserve the dining room at Hoyt Sherman Place for a luncheon meeting. Nov. 29th '44. Motion carried.

Mrs. French moved that the Annual meeting be held the first open meeting in April. Motion Carried. Date will be April 1st.

Early minutes of the Past President's Club were read and enjoyed. Appreciation of a delightful afternoon was expressed to Mrs. Kraitsch. Alice Bolton Sec.

November 29th, 1944. 89

The Past President's Club
of the Des Moines Women's
Club met for luncheon Wed
Nov. 29th 1944 in the dining
room of the Club House.
Seventeen were present:

Mrs. Ernest Brown

Mrs. Frank C. Green

Mrs. L. C. Kurtz

Mrs. Howard J. Clark

Mrs. F. E. V. Shore

Mrs. Victor Emluff

Mrs. G. W. Bogardus

Mrs. Charles H. Pierce

Mrs. Gordon Elliott

Mrs. Josiah Johnston

Mrs. O. W. Follett

Mrs. Raymond Huttenlocher

Mrs. Eugene Mannheim

Mrs. Ray D. Hewton

Mrs. Lewis Bolton

Mrs. Bert H. Mills

Mrs. Pritchard Payson

Mrs. L. C. Kurtz, president
called the meeting to order.

minutes of the Sept. 27th meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer gave the following report:

Bal. Sept. 27 th 44	- - - -	\$ 18.00
Dues rec'd	- - - -	\$ 2.00
		<u>\$ 20.00</u>

Pd. to memorial Art Fund in memory of Mrs. Frank Travers	10.00
Bal. Nov. 29, 44	<u>\$ 10.00</u>

Mrs. Brown moved that the small dining room be called the Presidents Room. It was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Mannheim moved that if the Board of the Women's Club approved the suggested name, that the Past Presidents' Club see that a name plate be put above the door. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Green moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Braetoch, whose sister Mrs. A. L. Haas, a member of the Women's Club.

had just passed away. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Evans moved that our next meeting be held Feb. 28th. Seconded and carried.

It was suggested that the notice of the luncheon meeting be added to the day's events in the monthly Club Bulletin.

The secretary was asked to send a Christmas card to Mrs. Riddell who is ill; Also to write a note to Mrs. Raymond Wright, co-chairman of the Nov. Social Committee for the beautiful salad she made especially for the Past President's table.

Mrs. Huttonlocher announced that Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Coules would celebrate their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary Sunday Dec. 3rd '44 and moved that a corsage be sent to Mrs. Coules. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Alice L. Bolton, Sec.

Papal Medal to Mrs. Kurtz.



DES MOINES TRIBUNE

TUES., FEB. 6, 1945.

Two Des Moines women have received recognition by Pope Pius XII, for their work in the interest of the Catholic church, according to an announcement Friday by the Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, bishop of the Des Moines diocese.

The two women, who will receive the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal at ceremonies in St. Ambrose cathedral here Feb. 6, are Mrs. John Connolly, sr., of 730 Sixteenth st., and Mrs. Louis C. Kurtz, sr., of 220 Thirty-seventh st.

Both Mrs. Kurtz and Mrs. Connolly have long records of distinguished service in Catholic lay organizations and have been generous in their support of the church, Bishop Bergan said.

First.

The medals are the first of their kind to be bestowed in the Des Moines diocese, he said.

The Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal was instituted by Pope Leo III in memory of the golden jubilee of his ordination into the priesthood. Originally bestowed on men and women who made his jubilee a success, his successors have continued its use in recognition of outstanding church service.

Bishop Bergan received announcement of the awards in a radiogram from the cardinal chancellor of papal orders in Vatican City. The presentation ceremonies will coincide with the formal investiture of seven monsignors at the cathedral.

Mrs. Kurtz, a member of St. Augustin's parish, was first president of the Des Moines diocesan council of the National Council of Catholic Women. She also served on its board of directors, and is an honorary president of the organization now.

She was a charter member of the Des Moines Catholic Charities board, and a founder of the South Side Community house, of which she had been a board member 27 years.

Feb. 28th 1945

The Past Presidents' Club of the Des Moines Woman's Club met for luncheon Wed. Feb. 28th 1945 in the Presidents room of the Club House.

Fifteen were present:

Mrs. Ernest Brown

Mrs. Frank C. Green

Mrs. Louis C. Kurtz

Mrs. F. E. V. Shore

Mrs. Victor Embhoff

Mrs. G. W. Bogardus

Mrs. Chas. H. Pierce

Mrs. Gordon Elliott

Mrs. Josiah Johnston

Mrs. Raymond Huttenlocher

Mrs. Don Evans

Mrs. Leslie French

Mrs. Ray D. Newton

Mrs. Lewis Bolton

Mrs. George Krackel

The president, Mrs. Louis C. Kurtz called the meeting to order. Minutes of the Feb. 27th meeting were read and approved.

The secretary announced six letters written and four received.

The treasurer gave the following report:

Bal. Nov. 29 th 1944 - - - -	\$10.00
Dec. 2nd Arched for Mrs. Gardner Cowles	\$6.00
Feb. 8 th plant to Mrs. L.C. Deets	4.00
	<u>\$10.00</u>

— leaving no balance.

Mrs. Kurtz announced that the Board of the Des Moines Women's Club gave Mrs. Deets a life membership and that the Past Presidents Club sent her a lovely plant in honor of the completion of twenty-five years as House Secretary of the Women's Club.

Mrs. Kurtz appointed Mrs. Utteloche, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Bolton to investigate the possibility of getting a plate for the door of the President's room.

Meeting adjourned to meet Apr. 11/1945
Alice Bolton, Sec.

April 11, 1945

The Past Presidents' Club
of the Des Moines Women's
Club met for luncheon Wed.
April 11th 1945 in the Presidents
room of the Club House.

Fourteen were present:

Mrs. Louis C. Kurtz
Mrs. Howard J. Clark
Mrs. F. E. V. Shore
Mrs. Victor Embhoff
Mrs. Gordon Ellist
Mrs. Josiah Johnston
Mrs. O. W. Follett
Mrs. Raymond Hutterlocher
Mrs. Eugene Maunheimer
Mrs. Belie French
Mrs. Ray D. Newton
Mrs. Lewis Bolton
Mrs. Bert H. Hells
Mrs. Pritchard Payson
Mrs. Eugene Cutler

The president, Mrs. Louis C. Kurtz,
called the meeting to order.
Minutes of the Feb. 28th meeting
were read and approved.
Mrs. Raymond Hutterlocher

chairman of the committee for obtaining a bronze plate for the President's Room. reported the committee had met with no success. Local firms had been contacted and letters written to firms in Chicago and New York. Mrs. Gordon Elliott moved that the present committee be continued and that the matter of a suitable marker be deferred until such time as a suitable plate might be obtained. Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Victor Eulhoff moved that our annual business meeting be held each year on the day of the first open meeting in April, the luncheon being preceded by the Memorial Hesper. Seconded and passed.

The secretary was asked to write the following letters — to Mrs. Charles Pierce expressing

sympathy because of the death
of her husband; to Mrs.
Donald Evans and Mrs.
W. O. Riddell because of illness.

A general discussion followed
as to the manner of electing
the new officers. It was
decided to continue the
custom of following the
order of table in which
the members had served
as president of the Des Moines
Women's Club. Because of illness
Mrs. Ernest Brown had not
served in her regular order
and was happy to accept,
and became president of the
Past Presidents Club for the
year 1945-1946. Following
the order of more recent presidents
Mrs. Bert Mills became the
secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Kutz spoke of how
much she had enjoyed her year as
president and the club members felt
that the year had been most successful.
Meeting adjourned Alice Bolton

DES MOINES REGISTER

THURS., SEPT. 27, 1945.

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Entertains at Tea.

Mrs. Ernest W. Brown, president of Past Presidents' club of Des Moines Woman's Club, entertained past presidents at a tea at 3 p. m. Wednesday at her pent house at the Brown hotel.

Dear Mrs. Mills—
I am having the
Past Presidents to
tea - Wednesday.
Sept. 26 at 3 ~~o~~
I hope you can be
with us.

Susan Brown

Pent House Brown Hotel

Am Sept 26th 1945

Mrs Ernest Brown, President of the Past Presidents Club of the Des Moines Women's Club entertained the club at tea at her home, the Pent House of the Brown Hotel. The following members were present:

Mrs Ernest Brown
 Mrs Frank O. Green
 Mrs Louis C. Kurty
 Mrs Henry E. Elliott
 Mrs Howard G. Clark
 Mrs T. E. V. Shore
 Mrs Chas. N. Pierce
 Miss Bonnie Marshall
 Mrs Gordon L. Elliott
 Mrs O. W. T. Ollett
 Mrs Geo. A. Kraetsch
 Mrs Raymond Huttenlocher
 Mrs Eugene Mannheim
 Mrs Lealie R. Trench
 Mrs Lewis Bolton
 Mrs Pritchard Payson
 Mrs Frank S. Root

The President called the meeting to order. Minutes

of the April meeting were read. Mrs Brown revealed that the reason she had not served the club as President before was that Mrs H. L. Carrell and Mrs J. C. Cummins inaugurated the club, the Presidents serving alphabetically and as their names started with C's - the B's were passed by - Thus we have the pleasure of having Mrs. Brown for our President at this time as she had not served before.

Mrs Raymond Kattenlocker, ch of the committee for obtaining a bronze plate for the Presidents room reported that it would be possible now to procure a bronze marker for the door of the Presidents room. The committee will investigate the space on the door and the types of markers available and report further.

Mrs Payseur spoke briefly of the program at the Des Moines Women's Club for the current year. Mrs Kratsch moved that the Past Presidents club meet for luncheon on the day "Ruth Draper" presents the program. in December. Mrs Gordon Elliott seconded this motion - a notice is to be put in the Women's Club Bulletin - From Mrs Fred Weitz

a note of Greeting was read - Mrs Weitz is in Washington D.C. and told of her very interesting work as Editor of the General Federation Clubwoman.

A note from Mrs Wm. R. Harnaday, Pres of Des Moines Women's Club, inviting the Past Presidents to be in the receiving line at the Reception and Opening Day of the club, was read.

Mrs Brown asked the Secy to write notes to Mrs Emboff

Mrs Riddell, Mrs Johnston
 and Mrs Gardner Corvles
 expressing our regret
 in not having them
 with us and showing
 our concern for their health.
 The meeting was adjourned
 after which a delightful
 tea was served, Mrs Green
 pouring -
 Lora L. Mills Secy.

December 12, 1945

The Past Presidents of the Des Moines Women's Club met in the President's Room Wed. Dec. 12th for a 12:30 luncheon.

Those present were Mesdames Brown, Johnston, Pierce, Cutter, Shore, Mannheim, French, Payson, Bogardus, H. E. Elliott, Green, Root, Kratze, Follett, Clark and Kurtz.

Calling the meeting to order, the President, Mrs. Brown, announced that the secretary, Mrs. Hills, was absent from the city and the secretary-protem, Mrs. Bolton was unable to be present because of illness and appointed Mrs. Green Secretary for the day.

Minutes of the Sept. 26th meeting were read and accepted.

The secretary read the list of members. Dues were paid. There was a balance

of \$17.00 in the treasury. . .
 The Art department having
 asked for an expression con-
 cerning the hanging of pictures
 in the Presidents Room brought
 discussion of the subject. Mrs.
 Mannheim moved seconded
 by Mrs. French that the Past
 President's Club approves the
 hanging of Mrs. Mitchell's
 portrait in the Presidents
 Room, adding to the
 motion - thanks to Mrs.
 Brown for framing the photograph
 of past presidents. Motion carried.
 A motion by Mrs. Kratsch
 that we meet the day of
 the Memorial Services April 30th
 1946 prevailed.

Mrs. Huttelocher submitted
 blue print of the bronze marker
 for the door of the Presidents
 Room. Mrs. Kirtz moved and
 it was seconded that Mrs.
 Huttelocher be authorized
 to order the plate with any

changes deemed necessary.
 motion carried.

The secretary read a letter
 written by Mr. Brown to
 Mackey on the 25th.

Anniversary of his service
 to the Des Moines Women's Club.

The treasurer reported \$7.00
 in the treasury. Three dollars
 in dues were received.

Adjourned to enjoy the
 program by Ruth D. Stager.

Daisy A. Green.
 Sec. pro tem

April 9, 1946

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The Past Presidents Club of the Des Moines Women's Club met in the Presidents Room Wed. April 9th, 1946 for a 12:30 luncheon. Fifteen were present. Mesdames Hewston, Evans, Clark, Huttelocker, Kurtz, Gordon, Elliott, Brown, Bolton, Mannheim, Kraetsch, Payson, Root, Cutter, Bogardus and Miss Bonnie Marshall.

The minutes of the last meeting, Dec. 12th, 1945, were read and approved.

Treasurer's report given as follows:

Dues rec'd 1945-1946 - \$21.00

Disbursements:

Mar. 19, Bronze plate for Presidents Room \$12.28

Apr. 9, Plant for Mrs. Eumhoff 5.10

Total disbursements \$17.38

Bal. April 9, 1946 \$3.62

Mrs. Huttelocker presented for inspection the bronze plate which was much admired. Mrs. Mannheim moved that the plate be put on the door leading into the

office. Seconded and passed.
 Mrs. Kraetsch moved that
 following our usual custom
 of electing a president in the
 order of time served as president
 of the Des Moines Women's Club
 Mrs. Cutler be elected our
 new president. Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Payson on motion of
 Mrs. Kuth was elected secretary.

Mrs. Tuttenlocher expressed
 the appreciation of the Past
 Presidents to Mrs. Brown
 for her gracious hospitality
 and fine work as President.

Mrs. Brown thanked Mrs.
 Tuttenlocher for all the details
 taken care of in connection
 with getting the bronze plaque
 and also thanked the secretary
 for her help.

\$13.00 was collected in dues.

Alice L. Bolton
 Sec. pro tem.

Oct. 10, 1946 Mrs. Eugene
Cutler, President of the Past
Presidents Club of the Des
Moines Women's Club
entertained the Club at a 12
^{o'clock} luncheon at the Belhomette.

The following members
were present Mesdames
Lauris Kurtz, Cutler, Howard
Clark, Geo. Bogardus,
Chas. H. Pierce, Miss Bonnie
Marshall, Mesdames
Gordon Elliott, Josiah
Johnston, Donald Evans
L. B. Bartholomew, Geo.
Kraetsch, Eugene Mannheim,
Leslie R. French, Lewis
Bolton, Bert Mills, Rutland
Payson, and R. Hornaday.
Additional guests were
Mrs. Ray Fountain, Club
President and Mrs.
Edward Riddle, Ch. of the
Building Committee.

The minutes of the last
meeting on April 9, 1946

were read and approved, with one exception. Mrs. Maunheimer had moved at the April meeting to have the bronze plate placed on the office door & it has been placed on the hall door. It was suggested that Mrs. Hutterlocher, who had been chairman of the bronze plate Committee investigate this change.

There was roll call and reports were given of the absent members.

The secretary read notes from Mrs. Root thanking the Club for its message to her while she was in the hospital, from Mrs. Bartholomew thanking the Club for the Card sent to her upon her marriage from Mrs. Kutz thanking the Club for the Card & handkerchief sent to her on the Golden Anniversary of

Agos + my Kritz marriage; and from the Cummins family thanking the Club for its contribution to the Memorial Art fund in memory of Mrs. J. C. Cummins.

Reprints were given from the new grandmothers in the group.

Acting upon the suggestion made by Mrs Fountain, Mrs Bartholmeu moved that the Past Presidents meet for lunch in the main dining room on Wed Oct. 30 and go to hear Dr. Sackman. Seconded & Carried.

Mrs. Maymheimer moved that a notice of the luncheon extended to the Past Presidents by the Board of Directors ^{on Sept 14} be placed in our minutes and that the secretary write a note of appreciation to the Board.

Seconded and Carried.

Reports were given on the condition of Mrs. Benton who is in the hospital at Rochester and of Mrs. Enshoff.

The President then introduced Mrs. Fontaine, who brought greetings from the Women's Club & then introduced Mrs. Riddell who brought to us the plans for the new dining room and for general remodeling of the Club house. The plans were received with great enthusiasm by the Past Presidents.

Dues were collected from seven members making a total in the treasury of \$19.88.

The meeting adjourned to meet Oct-30 at 12.30 at Hyatt Sherman Place.
Kathleen Payson
Secy-

The Past Presidents of the
 Mrs. Mauds Women's Club met
 for a business meeting Oct. 3 at
 12 o'clock in the Helen Sherman
 room at Hoyt Sherman Place.

Mrs. Cutter called the meeting to
 order - Mrs. Gordon Elliott acted
 as secretary pro - tem until the
 arrival of the secretary.

A letter of thanks from Mrs.
 Josiah Johnston was read in
 response to one sent her upon the
 death of her sister.

It was decided to hold the next
 meeting Dec. 11 in the Past
 Presidents dining room at luncheon
 + go to hear Mrs. Raymond Clapper.

Mrs. Treich read a tribute to
 Mrs. Ray Newton. Mrs. Mills
 moved ~~the~~ copy of the tribute be
 placed in the minutes, and one
 sent to Mr. Newton + to members
 of Mrs. Newton's family. Seconded
 & Carried.

Mrs. Evans read a tribute to
 Mrs. Victor Embury and at the

Treas. Report Oct 30 - 46

Bal on Hand	19.88
Rec'd in check	3
Total	<u>22.88</u>

Disburse. \$ 20. monthly fund

Bal. \$ 2.88.

close moved a copy of it be placed in the minutes and one sent to Mr. Enshoff.

Mrs. Butterlocher moved \$1.00 be placed in the Memorial Art fund of the Club in memory of Mrs. Newton, and \$1.00 in memory of Mrs. Enshoff. Seconded & Carried.

Mrs. Hornaday moved a note of appreciation be sent to the Board of Directors for their action in placing a Memorial Contribution in the Art fund in memory of Mrs. Newton & Mrs. Enshoff. Seconded & Carried.

It was suggested a note be sent to the Club Bulletin telling of the Contributions to the Art fund made in memory of Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Enshoff.

There being no further business the Club adjourned for luncheon & to hear Dr. Dockman.

Kathleen Bayless Secy

Dress. Report April 16 - 47

Last Bal 2.88

Dinner sent to

Mrs Cutler in mch. 2.81

.07

Bal

Dress Rcd. April 16 13

13.07

Bal.

The Past Presidents Club met Dec. 11 in the Presidency room at Hoyt Sherman Place for a 12.30 luncheon.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Cutler. At roll call the following members responded: Mesdames Bolton, Bogardus, Root, Bartholomew, Elliott, Mannheim, Pierce, Johnston, Brown, Shore, Kraetch, Kurtz & French.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Mrs. Bogardus moved our next meeting be held March 19 at Hoyt Sherman - the room to be determined later.

There was a discussion about sending Mrs. Greenflower and it was left to the discretion of the president and secretary.

Mrs. Elliott opened a discussion about placing

the Contributions of the Past
 Resident Club - to the Memorial
 Art fund in memory of deceased
 past presidents in a separate
 fund - to be used - to some special
 gift. It was decided to bring it
 up again at the March meeting.
 Mrs. Manchester brought
 changes in the building
 plans.

The meeting adjourned to
 attend the lecture of Mrs.
 Alice Clappier.

Nathleen Payson, Secy

The Past Presidents' Club of the Old Maine Women's Club met April 16 in the Presidents' Room at Houghton Sherman Place for luncheon.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Cutler Mrs. Ernest Brown presided. Those present were Mesdames Bogardus, Kuntz, Elliott, Evans, Littlelocke, Mankiewicz, Kratsch, Mills, Bolton, French, Shaw, Clark, Pierce, Johnston, Brown, Payson & Miss Bonnie Marshall.

Mrs. Brown had written a short message to be sent to Mrs. Cutler which each one of the members signed.

There was a short discussion of the matter held over from the last

meeting on the separation of the Past President's gifts, to the Memorial Art fund, from the regular fund. No action was taken.

Mrs. Elliott moved that the new president appoint a committee of three to arrange a party array from the Club house in honor of Mrs. Alcott and to purchase a gift for her. Seconded and Carried.

Mrs. Elliott also moved that the secretary write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Alcott for her years of service, and bring it to the party for each one to sign. Seconded and Carried.

unanimous Mrs. Johnston moved the election of Mrs. Shore as president and Mrs. Root as secretary of the Past President Club.

Seconded - Carried.

13 m dues were collected
from the members for the new
year.

As there was no further
business the meeting adjourned
to hear Dr. Geo. Crane.

Kathleen Payson
Secy

May 6, 1947.

The Past Presidents of the Les Moines Women's Club met for a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Frank O. Green honoring Mrs. L. C. Hleetz, the retiring House Secretary.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Shore also President of the Past Presidents' Club read a letter of tribute, written by Mrs. Payseur and your secretary, to Mrs. Hleetz and presented her with a beautiful corsage and a Hamilton wrist watch, a gift from the Past Presidents.

Present were Mesdames: Shore, Green, Kurtz, Clark, Bogardus, Mrs. Elliott, Johnston, Evans, Kraetsch, Huttenlocher, Mannheim, Mills, Payseur, Root, Fountain and Miss Bonnie Marshall.

Tribute to Mrs L. C. Deets.

May 6, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Deets;

The past presidents of the Les Moines Women's Club present this gift as a token of our appreciation of your faithful service to the Club for over a quarter of a century.

This gift in marking the passing of the hour is symbolical of the many hours you have spent at your desk supervising the activities of the Club. Through the years you have seen each one of us assume our responsibilities as Presidents. Each year brought different problems which your wisdom and experience

The committee in charge
of the event were Mrs.
Buttenlocher, Mrs. Evans
and Mrs. Johnston

Helen L. Root, Secy.

helped us solve.

The welfare of the Club has ever been your first interest. To your position as House Secretary you brought a rare dignity and an understanding seldom found. To this you added efficient service beyond the call of duty. At any hour of day or night you were always on hand to meet the many varied groups gathering at our Club House.

Yours has been an interesting experience as you have watched the Club House grow from the old Pioneer home, where Presidents and Generals had been guests, to one of the outstanding women's

Club Houses of the
Country.

So, too, you have seen
the expansion of activities
of the Club and the program
developed to meet changing
times. You have been
interested in the Club main-
taining the highest educa-
tional and cultural
standards in all of its
programs and activities.

To a great many of the
hundreds of women who
have come and gone as
club members, you have been
a symbol of the Club itself.

As you take up your ^{new} life
in the West, we hope we will
often be in your thoughts
as you will be in ours.

Sincerely,

(Signed by the past Presidents
of the Des Moines Women's Club.)