

Concord, New Hampshire  
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## Ladies' Auxiliary to Concord Fire Department

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Concord Fire Department met for Organization at the Central Fire Station on January 6, 1909. It was some three years later when the charter was received. There were 50 members present. A Committee was chosen to draw up a Constitution and By-laws. Those eligible to join were wives, daughters and mothers of the permanent and veteran firemen. Members were present from Boscauven, Pinacook, East and West Concord. The president appointed a visiting, floral and entertainment committee.

The purpose of the Auxiliary was to assist the firemen in any way needed, serving lunches to the men after a fire, also after the parades on Firemen's Memorial Sunday, sending flowers or fruit or financial help to firemen sick or injured. Also such help was given the members of the Auxiliary. The money was raised by selling ice cream, cake and home made candy at the balls and dances of the different hose companies, experience parties, card parties and donations and any possible way of raising money. Today money is raised in much the same way and the work carried on by helping.

On January 10, 1910 a change was made in the By-laws and written on the books - "the meeting to be opened by singing a hymn (Blest be the Tie that Binds), the Lord's prayer, and another hymn in closing (God be with you Till we meet again). Much the same procedure is followed to day with the addition of the Salute to the Flag.

Today donations are given to the Red Cross, Crippled Children, J.B. Seals, Salvation Army and other Community projects.

An excerpt from the Fourth meeting "plans were being made for a dance party with 12 members and 1 visitor present, making 13, so it was thought best to let the matter rest until next meeting"

Also on June 17, 1909, a gavel was presented the Auxiliary, after the acceptance "All other business to be left until next meeting, the remainder of the evening to be devoted to the entertainment of the husbands"

Mary W. Murdoch  
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