

EAST CONCORD WOMAN'S CLUB

Organized March 1960

Federated May 1960

Early in the year 1960 several women met to consider the formation of a woman's club in East Concord. The club was formed and held its first meeting in the East Concord Community Center on March 28, 1960, with thirty members signing the charter as follows:

Mildred F. Newton	Gertrude M. Stevens
Madaline L. Neuman	Alice Davis
Sarah E.U. Whitney	Annabel C. Hooper
Charlotte B. Kimball	Laura T. Little
Lela Y. Johnson	Alice H. Seavey
Fay E. Buckminster	Joan S. Cunningham
Dorothy Geno	Gertrude Hill Urton
Margaret H. Boutwell	Phyllis L. Stuart
Eleanor H. Davidson	Marjorie Cushing
Geraldine Lutze	Grace Virgin
Doris Wiren	Fay Santavenere
Maxine Miliner	Diomira N. Keegan
Kathleen Davis	Leslie S. Stevens
Margaret L. Sampson	Edwidge A. Potter
Marie M. Piper	Jean C. Osgood

The object in forming the association was to become a center for social service and civic activities, and to create a broader fellowship among the women of the community.

The meetings were held the fourth Monday of each month from September through April at 8:00 P.M. at the East Concord Community Center. In addition to the regular meetings much was gained by attending outside activities such as a day in Juvenile Court; group discussions of current events held weekly during January and February and open to the community at large; visit to the newly installed channel WENH-TV studios for educational television; New Hampshire Children's Aid workshops; visits to art museums. Many hours of service were given to the New Hampshire Blind Association.

Our desire for civic activity was brought to fruition in entering the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Sears Roebuck Foundation Community Improvement Contest and extensive plans were made with the cooperation of the City of Concord to build a twelve acre park in the village where a former pasture had turned into an unsightly area. With the help of all the organizations in East Concord, including the school children from Eastman School, and Federal and State Agencies, trails were cleared through the wooded area where nature clubs and school children could enjoy the birds and small animals as well as the wide flowers and shrubs. Land was cleared, a pond was dug and picnic area with fireplace and rustic shelter built. A ski trail and coasting slope were cut on the side of a hill. Over three hundred daffodil bulbs were planted through the woods. Our entry in the contest won first prize of \$300 in the State of New Hampshire judging (out of 129 entries in the State) and a national prize of \$1,000 as one of the top ten entries from the fifty States.

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Statewide donations were given to:

- N.H.Children's Aid Society
- Library Services (N.H.Fed.W.C.project to aid in the training of rural librarians)
- Scholarship Fund (N.H.Fed.W.C.)
- Veterans Hospitals (N.H.Fed.W.C.)
- Laconia State School (N.H.Fed.W.C.)
- Gifted Girls Scholarship Fund (St.Pauls School)
- (It was our general feeling that women must step forward and work as leaders in tomorrow's world and this accelerated training with top students, obth male and female, was important)
- WENH-TV

Beyond the boundaries of our State we were concerned with insuring a basis for a just and durable peace. With this in mind we contributed to:

- Latin American Scholarship Fund
- CARE
- Radio Free Europe

Although our contributions were small the seed of friendship was planted which we hoped would grow and multiply.

In our first five years of existence the following have served as president:

- Mildred F. Newton (Mrs.Walter S.,Jr.) 1960-1962
- Dorothy S. Geno (Mrs.Royal B.) 1962-1963
- Lorraine F. Brinkmann (Mrs.David) 1963-1964
- Jean C. Osgood (Mrs.Fred N.) 1964-1966

Thus the object of this organization has been fulfilled to date..

Mildred F. Newton
 Member of Board of Directors.

39 Mountain Road
 East Concord, N.H.
 August 16, 1965

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