

CHARTER MEMBERS

To give the most cursory mention to those members, and there are many, who have been vital forces in OU Women's Club activities would be an impossible task. However, a compilation of the officers and chairmen of certain committees through the years is included with this history. The few mentioned here are among those to whom the organization is indebted for the vision and spirit, thought, time, and energy which shaped the character of the OU Women's Club.

Mother Goll, Guardian of the Punch Bowl, came as Housemother for the only dormitory on campus in 1931. A forthright and pleasant woman, she was held in unusual respect by the 30-some girls who lived at the Cottage each year, to other students who took meals there, and to the entire campus community. Her girls knew they must abide by rules, but they also understood that they were for good living, and they knew that Mother Goll would give any help within her power to any one of them in need. Students committees planned the social events and activities with the direction of the Dean of Women, Minnie Maude Macaulay. In this, Mother Goll truly was the Dean's right hand. She "watched" the Cottage girls plan and arrange the annual Chili Suppers after football games and Christmas dinners before vacations. These times were exciting, but the most important segments of social life were on-going in front of her all-seeing eyes. The Women's Educational Society, town and campus women participating together in a student loan fund, often held their elegant, annual membership tea at the Cottage. She welcomed the Faculty Wives to the Cottage, and gave her wholehearted support to their endeavors. When off-campus homes for students were acquired, Mother Goll was example and influence for the new House-mother members. She was a friend to all.

Of several options open to her upon retirement from the Cottage, she chose Fred Stockford. A widower retired as Plant Superintendent for the University, this kind man had long performed needed helps for Mother Goll as his colleague. They enjoyed ten happy years of marriage in his home across from the campus before the health of each deteriorated.

Mary Trump, Mrs. Frank Trump, deserves a prominent place among those who never doubted that the Club was and would always be a vital part of University life. Living "just across the street" from Marjorie, friendship between the two families grew, and Dr. Trump developed the first college health service in Kansas at Ottawa University. Mary gave support in many ways to her dear friend Marjorie, but she was especially helpful in the formative years. A gracious hostess, she opened her home (where she still lives) on many occasions for meetings, luncheons, teas, dinners, showers, and even two garden parties. She has given home and support to many students, especially international young people, and she continues this interest in both students and alumni. She frequently attends Club meetings and other University events. At 97 (?) years of age, she is one of the few living Charter Members.

Ann Bundy, wife of the Business Manager, gave freely of her time and energies to the young Club, especially to the Punch Bowl and cupboard projects. She it was who was charged with obtaining favors from the Business Office in regard to preparation of Yearbooks, purchase

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of serving equipment and, probably, the third punch bowl. Her success speaks not only of her efforts, but of the regard in which Bob held the Club. She was capable and willing, and did more than her share in any situation. She was especially thoughtful and understanding of the attentions members or families needed in times of illness or sorrows. In years of membership she ranks with Mary Trump. Now residing in Manhattan, Kansas, her honorary status started in 1971 with Bob Bundy's retirement. They are parents of five alumni and other family members also are graduates.

Rose Pady, wife of Dr. Stuart Pady of the Department of Biology, in addition to serving as first secretary-treasurer gave willingly and cheerfully for whatever call was issued, and many times was hostess for regular meetings or special events. The Pady family made lasting contributions and friendships before they moved from Ottawa in 1944. Upon retirement, Stuart and Rose returned "home" where many family members now are alumni. At present, they are living in Wichita and maintain good contacts with OU and Ottawa friends.

Attendance at meetings often was precluded by classroom duties, but Ruth Kerr, instructor in music education and wife of the Chairman of the Department of Music, gave loyal support whenever possible, and was an appreciated source of program material, either her own talent or that of others. Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Kerr shared their abilities with the Ottawa community, especially through the First Baptist Church. Many members of their family including Ruth herself are alumni. Retired for many years, they remain in their home in Ottawa.

Other members joined in activities, each according availability and ability, and then moved with their husbands to new positions. Contacts faded, and the deaths of several can be confirmed. This picture became commonplace as the years rolled around and members came and went.

FIRST LADIES

Marjorie Martin, "inspiration and prod," held the title "First Lady of Ottawa University" from 1935 until 1967 when President and Mrs. Martin retired. Marjorie's role in the Faculty Wives/Ottawa University Women's Club is included under other topics in this writing. Much of their impact on the University in times of blessing and adversity. Here, however, is the appropriate time to recognize that this organization was as a child to her, and she nurtured it through the years to its maturity. For future First Ladies, the challenges necessarily were different, but the potential of the Club and the members remained to be tapped by their "inspirations and prods." Already, a score of years have elapsed since Dr. and Mrs. Martin relinquished campus leadership. And three lovely and dedicated ladies have served well.

Sue Armacost, gracious and vivacious, gave friendship and counsel. The Home of the President was open for committee meetings, dinners, and spring Brunches. She gave leadership in efforts to bring new life to worthy traditions that had become ineffective. The entire University community received great benefits from her legacy of warmth and concern. President Peter H. Armacost and Sue are at Eckard College in Florida.

Mildred Froyd, Interim First Lady, already had reserved a warm spot in each of our hearts during a previous assignment for Dr. Milton Froyd at Ottawa. Her friendship and service provided the essential timbers for building the bridge over which Marilyn Shaw would enter the life of the University and the Club. Mildred maintains a friendly correspondence with many from her retirement home in Seattle, Washington.

Marilyn Shaw, experienced, talented, with insight and enthusiasm, took as a goal the refurbishing of the lounge in Martin Hall. She lead with mental and physical strength and secured funding for the project to restore this area to its original status as most attractive area on the campus. She exemplified the Ottawa "spirit," and fulfilled capably all her responsibilities with the OU Women's Club and also with the Women's Educational Society.

Ellen Ann Wheaton, a native of Ottawa, nee Henning, Class of 1954, was known first on campus as a "faculty child" and at least once played a role in the Club's Christmas program. Her musical talents could have been inherited from her mother, an organist and also instructor in piano in the University. She soon presented creative and restorative projects to the Club including the Saturday morning "work day" on campus in the spring. At the same time she give personal support to the traditions of the both Club and the University. The Home of the President is always open to University groups and the Saturday Morning Brunch on the patio or inside continues to be a highlight of the Women's year. Recognizing an opportunity to help her in the tremendous responsibilities which she has accepted for special all-college events such as Reunion/Commencement activities, the members of the Women's Club assist by providing cookies, sandwiches, or breads for receptions.

Today will be the "early" history of ages yet to come. And only time provides the weathering which makes the recognition of the real accomplishments possible. "Time will tell!" But time is not needed to be certain that each of these First Ladies has a secure place in in OU history as well as in the hearts of all Ottawans.