

HISTORY

OF

THE PORTAL

WOMAN'S

CLUB



FOUNDED

September 12, 1946 by
Dr. James J. McCormick

MEMBERS ATTENDING THE
ORGANIZATION MEETING

— of the —

EL PORTAL WOMAN'S CLUB

Miss Mae E. Bush	Mrs. H. O. Poore
Mrs. James H. White	Mrs. J. R. Menna
Miss B. Lancaster	Mrs. O. W. Brady, Sr.
Mrs. Agnes M. Noonan	Mrs. J. D. Watkins
Mrs. H. Freer	Mrs. Harry Bragg
Mrs. G. Hofbauer	Mrs. Ethel Eisinger
Mrs. D. Harpley	Mrs. Leo L. Alger
Mrs. M. L. Heiss	Mrs. A. Scott
Mrs. Fay E. Earl	Mrs. M. Prechtl
Mrs. Bruce B. Jones	Mrs. M. D. Harris
Mrs. J. M. Offutt	Mrs. Rose Klitchko
Mrs. J. W. Barret	Mrs. C. L. Eddleblute
Mrs. George J. Meyers	Mrs. J. G. Dyer

HONORARY MEMBER

Mrs. Vivian Larrimore Rader, Poet Laureate of Florida

1946 - 1949



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

On this first anniversary of the founding of the El Portal Woman's Club, I wish to thank the officers, committee members and club members for their personal interest and hearty cooperation in all their club activities, which have made this, our initial year, such a magnificent success.

We can be justly proud of our many achievements. Our social functions have developed within our community a spirit of good-will and understanding, which we cherish and shall continue to promote as we go forward.

In our program for the coming year, we contemplate further progress and it is my sincere hope that we embark upon our second year with renewed vigor and determination to strive for still greater accomplishments.

Sincerely yours,
Mae E. Bush

OFFICERS OF EL PORTAL WOMAN'S CLUB

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Vice-President	Mrs. George J. Meyers
Recording Secretary	Mrs. J. M. Offutt
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Wm. H. Peebles
Treasurer	Mrs. John W. Barret
Parliamentarian	Mrs. M. L. Heiss
Auditor	Mrs. Cecil Brock

COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses straight-forward and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene and gentle.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all.

And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

— Mary Stuart

Note: This Collect was written by Mary Stuart (who died in 1943) as a personal prayer following her college graduation in 1904. She did not then have any organization in mind. She felt, she said, that "women working together with wide interest for large ends was a new thing under the sun and that perhaps they had need for special petition and meditation of their own".

OUR FOUNDER

DR. JAMES J. Mc GORMICK



On Sept. 12th, 1946, twenty-six ladies met with Dr. J. J. McCormick at our City Hall. Dr. told us we should get to know our neighbors and on that day, the El Portal Woman's Club was founded.

Twenty-five years have gone by and both our village and club have grown. All because a man with a vision of a friendly beautiful village was interested.

Dr. Mc Cormick left us a few years ago but his memory we shall all remember because if it had not been for his moral support and interest in our village and our club, today we might not be celebrating our Silver Anniversary.

OUR FIRST PRESIDENT

MISS MAE BUSH



On Sep't 12, 1946, we elected Mae Bush to be our First President.

Due to her foresight, initiative and ability to lead, the foundation of our Club was strengthened.

Many of her ideals have followed down thru the years and even today, we are confident her cooperation will continue.

By-Laws
of
EL PORTAL WOMAN'S CLUB

1. The name of this organization shall be El Portal Woman's Club, and shall be located in the Village of El Portal, Dade County, Florida.
2. Membership shall be of two kinds:
 1. Active membership
 2. Associate Junior membershipAn active member shall be any white woman residing in the Village of El Portal.
An associate junior member shall be any white girl between the ages of 15 and 18 years, residing in the Village of El Portal.
Associate junior members shall not be eligible to vote or to hold an office in the Club.
Dues of associate junior members shall be \$1.00 per year.
3. The object of this club shall be the promotion of Educational, Social and Civic improvement and the beautification of the Village.
4. Officers of the Club shall consist of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian and Auditor.
5. Any Club member moving from El Portal may retain her membership in the Club but is not eligible to hold office. Any member moving from El Portal during the term of office, may remain in office until expiration of her term.

ARTICLE I — Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Executive Board meetings. She shall appoint chairmen of committees, which appointments shall be ratified by a majority vote of the Executive Board. She shall approve all bills, countersign all checks. She shall by virtue of her office be a delegate to all conventions and an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. The First VicePresident shall assist the President and shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the president. She shall be chairman of the Membership Committee.

Section 3. The Second Vice-President shall assist the First Vice-President and have charge of the year book.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the work of the Club and of the Executive Board. She shall retain an accurate list of the membership of the Club. She shall prepare a detailed report of the year's work for the annual meeting.

Section 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club. She shall notify members of all special meetings.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds. She shall keep an accurate account with vouchers, of all monies received and expended. She shall sign all checks.

Section 7. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Board and the Club on Parliamentary Procedure. She shall be a member of the Revisions committee. Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the guide for the Club.

Section 8. The Auditor shall receive and audit a monthly report of all committees receiving and expending money and shall be a member of the Finance Committee. She shall present to the Executive Board a semi-annual summary of these reports. The Auditor shall have two assistants to be called the Auditing Committee. These two members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE II — Election of Officers

Section 1. The nominating committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be appointed by the President, the first named shall be Chairman and three elected from the floor. All members of the nominating committee shall have attended the first regular business meeting of the month for at least four meetings and be a Club member for at least one year.

Section 2. The committee shall be selected at the regular meeting of the club on the First Thursday in February.

Section 3. The chairman of the nominating committee shall be chairman of the election board and shall be assisted by her committee.

Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall present a ticket of their selection for officers at the regular meeting of the club on the Third Thursday in February.

Section 5. Election of officers shall be by ballot and shall be held on the First Thursday in March at which time nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been previously obtained. The nominee securing the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for the ensuing term. Officers must be elected annually.

Section 6. No officer can hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.

ARTICLE III — Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the First and Third Thursdays of each month, except during June, July, August and September, when only one meeting shall be held, this meeting to be on the Third Thursday. A special meeting of the Club or the Board may be called by the president upon request of five or more members.

Section 2. The meeting on the First Thursday of each month shall be devoted to the Business of the Club. The meeting on the Third Thursday of each month shall be devoted to program and social.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet each month prior to the business meeting of the Club, except during June, July, August and September. The date and time to be designated by the president or the presiding officer, with the approval of the board.

Section 4. Any Board member absenting herself from three consecutive meetings without adequate reason, creates a vacancy on the Board.

Section 5. A meeting of all new and outgoing officers and committee chairmen shall be held on the fourth Thursday in May at 2 P. M. At that time all reports and books are to be turned over to the new officers and committee chairmen.

ARTICLE IV — Duties of Committee Chairman

Section 1. The program Chairman shall have a committee of at least three, and shall be responsible for all programs of the Club.

Section 2. The Membership Chairman is to increase the membership of the Club.

Section 3. The chairman of Village Beautification shall make plans for beautification of streets and parkways in the Village, such plans must be approved by a majority of the Club members at any regular club meeting, after which they will be submitted to the Village Councilmen.

Section 4. The Public Welfare Committee shall embrace the divisional committees. Child Welfare, Public Health, Philanthropy Sunshine Committee and any other that may arise with the development of this department.

Section 5. The Hospitality Chairman with her committee of four, shall have charge of all social affairs of the Club. She shall appoint two or more hostesses for each social meeting.

Section 6. The duty of the Publicity Chairman shall be to publish notices of all meetings and reports of all meetings and have charge of all other publicity.

Section 7. The Fine Arts Chairman and her committee of three shall sponsor the appreciation of Art, Music, Literature, Drama and Poetry.

Section 8. A Decorating Committee shall be added to the club committees, the committee shall consist of at least four members.

Section 9. Ways and Means Committee shall consist of a chairman and at least four members. Duties of this committee shall be "To provide Ways and Means of raising additional funds for the benefit of the club."

Section 10. A Telephone Committee shall consist of a chairman and at least four members. Duties of this committee shall be to "notify club members of Special Events and Emergencies."

ARTICLE V — Quorums

Section 1. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for any regular or call meeting of the Board.

Section 2. Fifteen club members shall constitute a quorum for any call meeting or regular meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. By-laws of the Club may be made, altered, or rescinded by a majority vote, at any regular meeting, provided two week's notice has been given by publication and the announcement made from the chair, stating the intention to alter the By-laws.

ARTICLE — VII

How Vacancies on the Executive Board
shall be filled.

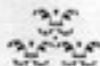
Should a vacancy occur in an appointed office, it shall be filled by the president with the approval of the Board.

Should a vacancy occur in an elective office, it shall be filled by a vote of the Club, after nominations are presented by the Nominating Committee which serves for the entire year.

ARTICLE VIII — Dues

Dues are payable January 1st and must be paid on or before March 1st or the member becomes delinquent.

Delinquent members are not eligible to vote in any election.



CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

For several years prior to 1946, many women of El Portal had felt the need of a Woman's club in the Village. They had met and worked with their neighbors in various groups during the war years and had come to realize the value derived and good accomplished from such associations.

This feeling was crystallized in September, 1946, when our Mayor, Dr. James J. McCormick contacted some of these women and invited them to a meeting in the Village Hall, September 12th, 1946, with the purpose of helping them organize a Woman's club. He met with an enthusiastic response and twenty-six women attended this first meeting. After expressing his thanks for their attendance and pledging the support of the Village, Dr. McCormick asked Mrs. M. L. Heiss to preside.

It was unanimously approved that the club be formed and be called the "El Portal Woman's Club". The following officers were elected: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Auditor. A motion was made and carried that the object of our club be the promotion of educational, social and civic improvement and beautification of the Village. Thus was born the El Portal Woman's Club. To better organize our efforts, the following committees were organized — Membership, Program, Hospitality, Sunshine.

Our organization was dignified in these early days by various gifts from residents of the Village — Mr. H. O. Poore designed and executed our club seal. The name "El Portal" signifies "The Gate", thus the open gate in our seal extends a welcome to every woman resident of our Village.

The usual lack of funds which seem to beset every new organization was no exception in our case. Hence our accomplishments in Village beautification this first year are not as great as we would desire. Our work in this category has been mainly suggestions to the various public officials of different improvements which we thought should be made. Therefore, we feel justified in taking some credit for the early completion of the Miami Avenue bridge over Little River and the automatic traffic gates at the N. E. 87th Street Railroad crossing. We have also arranged for the planting of a number of trees throughout the Village, and were instrumental in changing the name of West Railroad Avenue in the Village to N. E. 4th Road.

In civic affairs we have aided in the Red Cross drive for funds, the Community Chest Drive and pledged \$100.00 for the Little River Youth Center project, conducted a census of the Village for our Village officers, and at present, we are organizing a Brownie troop in the Girl Scouts of America for the young girls of El Portal.

The social phase of our objectives is where we have excelled in this first year. With each meeting our club has grown both in membership and in interest. Our first social event was a Membership Tea given October 24, 1946. This gave an opportunity for each member to become better acquainted with her fellow members and to introduce prospective members to the club. Eighty ladies attended and many names were added to our roster. Many of us date our friendship from that occasion.

We have also enjoyed interesting and educational talks and will long remember Mrs. Fleda Hughes' address on "Tropical Gardening in the Spring" and Mrs. Thelma Peters' talk on "Native Craft and Art of South America", and Mrs. Effie Walker Reid's talk on "Flower Arrangements".

Our first effort to raise funds met with a rousing success. This was the Bingo party on January 28th, 1947, which provided the Village with a gala evening as well as providing our Club treasury with a substantial fund.

The Hobby Exhibit held April 24th, 1947, provided each member an opportunity to display her spare time achievements in this field. The exhibits showed that a remarkable amount of talent abounds in the Club.

Entertainment for the children of the Village was the purpose of the Club's Halloween Party and the Christmas Party where Santa presented gifts to each child. These two events will be annual affairs.

The outstanding social event of our short history was the May Breakfast held at the Saratoga Inn, May 8th, 1947, with an attendance of one hundred members and guests. This was for the purpose of installing our officers. This event, too, will be an annual affair but our first May Breakfast will always live in our memories.

With the issuance of this year book we bring the first year of our club life to a close and start into a new and greater year. We are proud of the history we have made and of the pattern of work and accomplishment we leave for those who follow in our steps. We dedicate ourselves to greater work and accomplishment in the coming year, as we turn this page of history.

CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

In making a report of the El Portal Woman's Club achievements and activities for the year, 1947-48, we ask you to bear in mind that it is the second year of its existence; that the Program and Hospitality Committees have been handicapped due to the fact that there has been no suitable place for meetings; and that many activities have been curtailed because of this lack. For this reason, the members have thought it wise to devote much of their time to raising funds for a contemplated Club building, rather than to cultural and civic interests. A goal of \$1,000 for the building fund was set — members to earn \$10.00 each through their own talent and ingenuity.

A profit of \$242.09 was realized from the sale of Ads for the 1947-48 Year Book. A "White Elephant Sale" was conducted in February which netted \$75.00; donations, special parties and benefits during the year amounted to \$410.60. In September, an Ice Cream and Homemade Cake Social was held and travel movies of the West were shown. This affair added another \$50.00 to the Building Fund.

Under the leadership of the Public Welfare Chairman and her Committee, club members assisted in the annual Red Cross Drive and the Community Chest Drive, making a house to house canvass of the entire village.

The pledge of \$100.00 made to the Little River Youth Center, which is now under construction, has been paid.

The Village Beautification Chairman and her Committee, assisted by the Village employees, have planted coconut trees on some of the streets in the northwest section of the village.

The Sunshine Committee have sent letters of condolence, cards of cheer and flowers, and have visited the sick, shut-ins and bereaved in the Village.

Approximately 50 new members have come into the club — many of whom joined at the Annual Tea given in October under the auspices of the Membership Chairman and her Committee.

Entertainment for the children of the Village was the purpose of the Hallowe'en and Christmas parties which were well attended by both children and adults.

Programs during the year included a talk in November by Mrs. H. G. Parker, Teacher of Home-making, on "Interior Decorating in the Florida Home"; in December, Mr. Robert Eades of the Miami School of Modeling, talked on "Creating the Illusion of Beauty" and in April, Mrs. Vivian Larrimore Rader, Poet Laureate of Florida, presented a program of original poems.

Among the outstanding social events during the year was the May Breakfast given at the Miami Shores Golf Club, with 140 guests attending. The Program Chairman presented "The Evolution of Styles" with members modeling fashions beginning 150 years ago down to the present day. Officers were installed for the incoming year.

During June, July, August and September, club members enjoyed two covered dish luncheons, a barbecue and a dessert games party.

A Publicity Scrap Book is being kept wherein all Club activities are recorded.

Perhaps the most constructive piece of work done by the club was the progress made by the El Portal Brownie Troop No. 181, organized less than a year ago with 11 members, which now is a full-grown troop of 16. Under their "Help Others" program, they made Christmas tree decorations for the children in the Polio and T. B. Wards in the Cardiac Home. One of their main projects is the collection of clothing to be sent to children overseas, which will be continued during the coming year. In their effort to understand children of foreign lands, the leaders have given them a course of study in "International Friendship", which was the study of customs of children in these various nations. The Troop meets once a week at the home of a Club member.

The great desire and need of the El Portal Woman's Club is a place of meeting, preferably a building of their own. Perhaps some public-spirited person may feel impressed during the coming months to donate a lot for a building, thus giving a distinct help to a worthwhile community project that will be continuous in its uplift to the Village and community as a whole. When this is accomplished, the Club will be in a position to devote itself more fully to causes for which it was organized.

CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS and ACTIVITIES

The Village of El Portal has been brought into prominence in the Greater Miami area through the activities of its Woman's Club. The growth of the El Portal Woman's Club has been phenomenal, due to the co-operation of officers and members alike.

As was stated in last year's book, the Club has been handicapped because of the lack of a regular meeting place. We all hope our dream for a club building will materialize in the future. Our goal of \$1,000 for the building fund has been realized and the Fine Arts Committee earned a large percentage of this amount by presenting a musicale and dance entertainment on December 2, 1948, at the Miami Shores Golf Club. Also included in this figure are the proceeds from several dessert games parties and a "White Elephant" sale and many individual club members have fulfilled their "Talent Money" pledges.

The Public Welfare Committee aided by volunteers canvassed the entire Village in the annual Red Cross Drive and the Community Chest Drive. The Club has donated to the Red Cross, Community Chest and Cancer Drives.

The programs this year have been many and varied. Mrs. Rose Marie Stanhope spoke on "The New Look in Decorating"; our parliamentarian gave a drill on "Parliamentary Law"; Mrs. Dwight Barnes' subject was "Home-Making Education"; Mrs. Evelyn Brownlee Dean's topic was "Woman's Work is Never Done"; Mrs. Effie Walker Reid led a question and answer program on "Beautification of Home Grounds"; Mrs. Mary H. Parton gave a beauty talk on "What Type Are You?"; Mrs. Millicent Chamberlain's subject was "Art and Personality"; and "Good Clothing and Personal Grooming"; led by Mrs. Enos Kerr. Earlier in the year Mrs. Stella Poirer had as her topic "Millinery" and out of this meeting grew a class in millinery followed by an advanced course. These women's fine efforts were viewed by all club members at a fashion show which also featured fashions presented by Mrs. Gray from Miami Shores and modelled by club members.

The highlight of the year's program is always the Annual May Breakfast, held this year at Betty's Restaurant. This affair is under the direction of the Hospitality and Program Committees and Village Beautification committee for floral deco-

rations. A United Nations program was presented in addition to the installation of officers. This event was acclaimed "Mae's Day" by our founder, Dr. James J. McCormick because since the organization of the Club, Miss Mae E. Bush has been the presiding officer.

Through the efforts of the Village Beautification Committee, water has been piped to the Indian Mound so that plants can be cared for there. A few cocoanut palms have been planted and there is a promise of free trees for the Village from the County Nursery.

The membership of the Club has grown tremendously this last year due to the congeniality of the members and the influx of new residents to the Village. The Annual Membership Tea in October is always sponsored by the Membership Committee and was held at the home of Mrs. R. G. Satchell.

The Children of the Village were guests of the Club and Village Council for the annual Hallowe'en and Christmas parties. These parties are enjoyed by all the youngsters.

Brownie Troop No. 181 sponsored by the Club, has received much recognition for its activities and excellent behavior. The girls had "Help Others" projects and made gifts for their parents as well as for themselves. They also visited a local bakery and the Glass Blowing Exhibit. It is indeed a fortunate group to have such interested and competent leaders.

The Club publicity has been good this year — in addition to regular notices in the newspapers, there has been unsolicited publicity on several occasions. The Club editors of the local newspapers attended our May Breakfast. All publicity of the Club is kept in a scrap book by the Historian.

The El Portal Woman's Club and Brownies shared honors with the Everglades Chapter, DAR, when the Tequesta Indian Mound marker in Sherwood Forest, El Portal, was presented by the DAR and unveiled by our past president, Miss Bush.

The Sunshine Committee have visited the sick, shut-ins and bereaved in the Village. They have sent cards of cheer and flowers and letters of condolence.

So as we go into the new year, may each member recall the new theme, "Peace of Mind". Let it be said that here in El Portal is a place for neighbor to meet neighbor in a friendly atmosphere and a chance for each woman to express her views and to co-operate with others for the betterment of self, home and community.

1949 - 1950



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

In this, our third Club year, the program theme is "Peace of Mind". While there are many varied individual ways of arriving at this goal in our daily lives, in our Club life we can only achieve "Peace of Mind" by being charitable to our fellow members and by working together as one, so that we can go onward to even greater accomplishments both personally and collectively.

Sincerely,

Mrs. George J. Meyers

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CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

"Peace of Mind" was chosen as the keynote of the 1949-1950 year for the El Portal Woman's Club. The pursuit of this ideal formed the basic pattern of its program.

Introduced at the Club's birthday party in September by Mrs. M. L. Heiss, the "Peace of Mind" ideal was faithfully and inspiringly carried out by many Club members. Mrs. O. W. Brady, Jr. ably and wittily introduced "Peace of Mind through Keeping Busy", assisted by Mrs. John Sawicki and Mrs. S. G. Militana; Mrs. Harry T. Bragg pursued "Peace of Mind through Vacationing"; "Peace of Mind through Thanksgiving" was presented by Mrs. James H. Townsend through readings by Mrs. Betsy Ann Hess and two of her students; Mrs. Roland Cooke called our attention to the by-laws of the Club and "Peace of Mind through Parliamentary Law"; Mrs. H. H. Filer spoke from her heart on "Peace of Mind through Love". Councilman Raymond V. Guernsey, soon to be mayor, gave a non-controversial and very practical talk on "Peace of Mind through Village Beautification". Among the other guest speakers during the year, Dr. Nancy Meek Hain spoke on "Peace of Mind through Security of Youth" while "Peace of Mind through Self Sacrifice" was Miss Sarah Edith Baker's subject and gave her an opportunity to tell of the Blood Bank.

"Peace of Mind through the Creative Arts" was described by Mrs. W. R. Eaton of Eaton Ceramics. The spiritual significance of the arts was presented as to music by Mrs. J. J. McCormick and by Mrs. Henry Weston whose valuable remarks were disappointingly brief because of the time allowed. Mrs. A. G. Misicka played the piano while Miss Alice White sang and Miss Marie McCormick danced. The intermission gave all the opportunity to look at the paintings exhibited by a number of artistically gifted Club members: Mesdames Raymon S. Drexler, Bessie Feerst, Raymond V. Guernsey, David Harpley, Effie Walker Reid, James L. Gaudrie and Mr. Robert Feerst. Mr. Drexler played his violin accompanied by Mr. Thomas Burke, who ended the musical program with Chopin Etudes.

Membership continues to grow with the Village as indicated by the large attendance at the third birthday party held at the home of Mrs. John B. Hurst and the membership tea at the home of Mrs. C. B. Brooks. The 1949 Christmas party was

held at the Northeast Woman's Club. The Club had as its guests some of the ladies from the Bay Oaks Home for the Aged.

The annual Halloween and Christmas parties given for the children of the Village by the Club and the Village Council were bigger and better than ever before.

Two successful Veteran's birthday parties were sponsored by the Club at Pratt General Hospital.

Funds were raised as follows: a benefit games party; a meet-your-neighbor luncheon; a Eugene Fashion Show; Evolution of Styles Show; and a luncheon. A portion of the Club building fund was used for furnishing the kitchen at the Village Hall.

The Public Welfare Committee aided by volunteer workers took a census of the Village for the Council, canvassed the Village for the Red Cross and made unbudgeted donations to Ecuadorian Relief. A needy family in the Village was helped, and money was collected and donated to the Children's Hospital.

The Club suffered a great loss when one of its sweetest and most active charter members, Mrs. George Hofbauer passed on.

Brownie Troop 181 has been sponsored by the Club for the past three years. The Brownies received their second year pins in June, 1948. They participated in SCOUTS OWN which was a County wide program in Bayfront Park, the Scout's Birthday, and had a Mother's Day Tea. They learned textile painting this year and worked very hard to fulfill their requirements for "Fly Up". They flew up in June and are now Intermediate Girl Scouts. Congratulations to the eighteen girls and their leaders.

This busy year ended with the fourth annual May Breakfast. No longer is it a "no place to meet" Club. The completion of the Village Hall has contributed materially to "Peace of Mind". The May Breakfast held in the new Village Hall was attended by members of the Council. Dr. J. J. McCormick spoke as founder of the Club, and Mayor Guernsey welcomed the Club to its new meeting place. The new officers were installed by Mrs. Filer.

And as the Club year of 1949-1950 was closed with all due formality, the new president, Mrs. Fred L. Parker, summarized and announced the Club's ideals and objectives in the new term as follows: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you".

1950 - 1951



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members:

As we begin a new Club year with a new administration and a lovely and appropriate place in which to meet, let us all work together to achieve FRIENDLINESS and HARMONY and "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD THEY DO UNTO YOU." Let us continue the fine work which has been done in the past and may we ever be mindful of the serious condition of the world at this time. Let us plan to contribute our part in this world war crisis.

With anticipation I look forward to a happy and successful year.

Faithfully yours,

Mrs. Fred L. Parker

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Club History

Friendliness and Harmony and "Do unto others as you would they do unto you" were the aims of the club for the year 1950-1951, as outlined by our president, Mrs. Fred L. Parker.

We feel these lofty aims were partially accomplished in our entertainment of the Disabled Veterans and the ladies of the Bay Oaks home, parties for our village children, sponsorship of the Girl Scouts and gifts to the Village Hall, supplemented by our activities in drives for charity funds.

The first big event of our club year was the dedication of the Municipal Village Hall. Our president assisted with the program and dignitaries from the adjacent municipalities of Miami, Miami Beach, Coral Gables, Miami Shores and North Miami attended. The dedication was televised and was the first local television program of this type. The hall was decorated and furnished by our members. Mrs. Paul Bauer and her committee were in charge of decorating. The furnishings include draperies, cornices, tables, lace table cloth, pictures, speaker's rostrum and a lovely baby grand piano.

At the fourth Birthday Party of the club our charter members were guests of honor. Dr. James J. McCormick, organizer of the club, addressed the group and Mayor Raymond V. Guernsey, Miss Mae E. Bush and Mrs. M. L. Heiss appeared on the program. Birthday greetings were extended by our past president, Mrs. George J. Meyers.

Our Brownie Troop "flew up" to Girl Scouts during the year and the club presented them with a new Girl Scout flag. Mrs. Harry Bragg, Leader, has been with the Girl Scouts since the organizational meeting.

The annual Membership Tea was held at the Village Hall. The forty-three new members enrolled during the year were honored guests.

At our yearly Halloween and Christmas parties we entertained approximately 250 of the village children. The children

donated toys for the Variety Childrens Hospital Christmas Party, under the direction of Mrs. John T. Barr.

At our annual Christmas party, the club entertained the ladies from the Bay Oaks Home. Fifteen of the ladies attended and each was presented with a gift and corsage. Mrs. Anthony LaRosa, program chairman and her committee presented organ selections by Mrs. A. G. Misicka, several Christmas selections by the Choraliers from OpaLocka and Roscoe, the magician, entertained with his magic. Santa Claus presented gifts to all.

Club funds were raised by benefit games parties, a masked ball, a ham supper and a white elephant sale and Mrs. C. B. Brooks and Mrs. Joan Bee Stanley presented the club with two coffee urns and service from the proceeds of a benefit party. A play-ground fund was established last year.

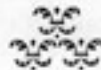
A birthday party for the veterans at Pratt General Hospital was sponsored by the club.

Club members assisted in the registration for the Defense Program.

Mrs. Harry Bragg was in charge of "The Mother's March on Polio". Mrs. J. F. Kenneday, public welfare chairman, was in charge of the Community Chest Drive and Mrs. Roland W. Cooke directed the Red Cross Drive.

Our fifth annual May Breakfast was held May 17th. Miss Mae E. Bush installed the incoming officers. Mrs. Joan Bee Stanley, our new president, asked for cooperation and a greater community spirit. This breakfast brought to a close another eventful year.

Mrs. W. H. Peebles, Historian



1951 - 1952



The President's Message

Greetings to Each and Everyone,
May we enter our 5th Year with renewed En-
thusiasm, renewed Anticipation, and closer Associations.
May our Social Activities be pleasant.
Our Civic Accomplishments be beneficial.
Let our Motto this Year be
"One for All and All for One".
This will assure Peace and Growth for our Club.

Cordially,

Joan Bee Stanley
President

Officers

EL PORTAL WOMAN'S CLUB

President.....	Mrs. Joan Bee Stanley
1st Vice-President.....	Mrs. C. B. Brooks
2nd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Vernon Browning
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. John Baer
Treasurer.....	Mrs. James R. Menna
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. E. J. Beeche
Parliamentarian.....	Mrs. Elroy C. McCormick
Auditor.....	Mrs. C. L. Eddleblute

Club History

As we entered our fifth year of club work, the President Mrs. Joan Bee Stanley asked for "renewed enthusiasm, renewed anticipation and closer associations", and gave us this motto, "One for All and All for One".

Our President felt the need for more assistance in conducting the year's business. She therefore appointed four new chairmen: Devotional with Mrs. E. E. Mines as chairman, who served with much dignity and piety; Ways and Means with Mrs. Alfred C. Kretschmar as chairman; Village Voice (for information and advice) was headed by Mrs. M. L. Heiss; Telephone (for communications) was amiably done by Mrs. Amy Necker.

With new enthusiasm and assistance of an able board the year's work was begun.

The first outstanding event was our Fifth Birthday Party, which was celebrated with a luncheon. The members of the Council, and employees of the Village attended, enjoying the luncheon and the large beautifully decorated cake donated by Mrs. Mary Watkins.

Our annual Membership Tea was carried out with much beauty and dignity. Mrs. C. B. Brooks, Membership Chairman, introduced the twenty-seven new members who were the honored guests of the day. Mrs. Vernon Browning, Second Vice-President and the Year Book Chairman, presented club members with the new year books at this time.

In El Portal our children are never forgotten, so when Hallowe'en time came they were treated to a gay costume party, under the able leadership of Mrs. F. E. Earl.

A card party was given in November by the Program Chairman, Mrs. Anthony LaRosa to raise funds for our Christmas Party. The Christmas party was a highlight of the year, when we honored the Ladies of Bay Oaks Home with gifts and entertainment.

Another big event for the children of the Village was their Christmas Party. With financial assistance from the Village Council of El Portal, and the untiring efforts of Mrs. Earl and her committee, this was a glorious affair with gifts and refreshments for about one hundred children.

In February, a second game's party and social was successfully sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Mrs. Alfred Kretschmar and her committee to increase the general funds.

The birthday party for the veterans at Pratt General Hospital was a privilege and pleasure. This party was outstanding in entertainment and gifts. The decorations and birthday cake were exceptional and appropriate. They were donated by our gifted and generous Chairman of Decorations, Mrs. O. W. Brady, Sr.

Mrs. Joan Bee Stanley led the club in a drive for funds for Cerebral Palsy.

Mrs. Harry Bragg led "The Mother's March on Polio".

Mrs. A. W. Philpott directed the Red Cross Drive and Community Chest Drive.

Our Girl Scout Troop, under the faithful leadership of Mrs. Harry Bragg, completed its fifth year in "Scouting". Mrs. Bragg has been a most capable and worthy leader, and will begin her sixth year with them in November. Through her leadership these scouts have been able to take advantage of many worthwhile activities. During this past year one of the girls of this troop was honored by being on the National Girl Scout Calendar.

A new and unusual affair, with the name "Country Store" was conducted by our three presidents, Mesdames Stanley, Brooks and Browning. The drawing card was the supper put on by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bauer. This affair was a complete success in fun and funds.

All the ladies of the club were especially pleased and proud of the new kitchen equipment, which grew with purchases and gifts. Last but not least was the addition to the kitchen of an electric exhaust fan, which added much to the comfort of all.

The sixth annual May Breakfast and installation of officers was held at Chary's in North Bay Village on May 15th. The program was presented by Mrs. Anthony LaRosa. The installing officer took as her theme the approaching coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and had a coronation ceremony of her own. This ceremony was beautifully conducted by Mrs. J. J. McCormick in her regal manner.

These foregoing events successfully closed the 1951-1952 Club Year.

Mrs. R. G. Satchell, Historian

Committees

1952 — 1953

AUDITING

Mrs. Sigurd A. Steinanson, Chairman
Miss Mae E. Bush, Co-Chairman
Mrs. John Foster

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. Frank Reynolds, Chairman
Mrs. William Jensen, Co-Chairman
Mrs. John Barr
Mrs. Paul Bauer
Mrs. William Peeples
Mrs. Elmer T. Boss
Mrs. Raymond Shanahan
Mrs. Worth C. Sherrill
Mrs. Romaine Voelkers

DECORATING

Mrs. A. W. Philpott, Chairman
Mrs. Vincent Siry, Co-Chairman
Mrs. David Harpley
Mrs. George Morrison

DEVOTIONAL

Mrs. Henry Filer, Chairman
Mrs. E. E. Mines, Co-Chairman

FINANCE

Mrs. Joan Bee Stanley, Chairman
Mrs. M. D. Harris, Co-Chairman
Mrs. Sigurd A. Steinanson

FINE ARTS

Mrs. James J. McCormick, Chairman
Mrs. Anthony LaRosa, Co-Chairman
Mrs. J. R. Menna
Mrs. H. W. Weston

GIRL SCOUTS

Mrs. Harry T. Bragg

HISTORIAN

Mrs. R. G. Satchell

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Mrs. C. B. Brooks
1st Vice-President	Mrs. John Barr
2nd Vice-President	Mrs. S. G. Militana
Recording Secretary	Mrs. E. C. Cormack
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. John Strazza
Treasurer	Mrs. C. L. Eddleblute
Parliamentarian	Mrs. F. E. Earl
Auditor	Mrs. Sigurd A. Steinarson

1952 - 1953



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish this year to encourage friendship in our club and as far beyond as it is possible to reach. Let's all remember to have a friend, we must first be one.

May you each have a healthy and happy year: and with your help, I am sure our club will continue to prosper and achieve many things, as I feel it has in past years.

Hoping to be your friend, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. C. B. (Dorothalee) Brooks

Club Officers

President	Mrs. Sigurd A. Steinarson
1st Vice-President	Mrs. James H. White
2nd Vice-President	Mrs. Fred L. Rouse
Recording Secretary	Mrs. E. C. Cormack
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. John Strazza
Treasurer	Mrs. H. T. Bragg
Parliamentarian	Mrs. Wayne B. Dale
Auditor	Mrs. C. B. Brooks



Past Presidents

Miss Mae Bush	1946 - 1949
Mrs. George J. Meyers	1949 - 1950
Mrs. Fred Parker	1950 - 1951
Mrs. Joan B. Stanley	1951 - 1952
Mrs. C. B. Brooks	1952 - 1953

CLUB HISTORY

1953--1954

Shortly after the impressive installation service at the May Breakfast held in 1953, our president gave a luncheon for the officers who would serve with her. Tentative proposals were made for the year's Club projects and activities.

The summer months were taken up in planning ways to carry out the theme, "Others." It was decided that each member would earn and be responsible for a \$10.00 donation. The sum of \$328.40 was turned into the treasury through these pledges. It was interesting to hear the unique ways in which the money was earned by telling fortunes, winning bets on the golf course, raffling home made cakes, private luncheons and canasta parties.

The president's project chosen was that of equipping room No. 225 in the surgical wing of the new North Shore Hospital at a cost of \$500.00 and purchasing North Shore Hospital bonds in the like sum of \$500.00. This served a two-fold purpose, that of making funds available for the use of the hospital when it needed them the most and at the same time building up a fund for the Club to use at a future date, it having been indicated that the bonds and coupons would be used for charitable purposes.

Our service project, taking care of the needs of the hospital's linen room, further emphasized the theme, "Others."

Accomplishments of the Club Year were the changes made in the election laws by revising the Club's By-Laws and Constitution to further meet present day needs; changing the method of accounting for the money earned and setting up our books on a much more simple basis by throwing all money into general funds and by making the Ways and Means Committee responsible for all money raising projects rather than requiring some certain committees to earn their money; setting up our budget, for the first time, on the basis of anticipated requirements for the year rather than basing it solely on the amount of dues we expected to collect. This long range planning helped to eliminate some difficulties and complicated bookkeeping.

The one big event was the Fourth of July Celebration which was the official opening and dedication of the Children's Playground; and, as a part of the Village Beautification program, a beautiful Fiscus tree was purchased and planted in the Playground.

Because of our many projects the Miami Newspapers and Radio gave wide publicity month after month and pictures were taken of the parade, headed by the band of Horace Mann school, as it marched through the Village on behalf of the Community Chest Drive. Our Club went over the top and made 193% of its goal in the Drive, and received the Civic Award of the Community Chest of Dade County as well as two Orange Bowl tickets to our chairman of the Drive, the only District Chairman to receive this award. Our Girl Scout Chairman brought honor to our Club by reason of her appointment as Neighborhood Chairman of Miami Shores School area.

Other interesting events of the Club Year included, in September 1953, the 7th Birthday Celebration of the organization of the Club, with its

beloved founder, Dr. James J. Mc Cormick, being present; the lovely and outstanding Membership Tea held in October; baskets for the needy in November and December at Thanksgiving and Christmas; Haloween and Christmas parties for the children and a Christmas party at our regular social meeting for the ladies of the Bay Oaks Home; Birthday Party held for the Veterans at Pratt General Hospital in March 1954; a Fine Arts program presented by Mrs. James J. McCormick and her talented children; a splendid Village Beautification program not only interesting but very practical for our home garden needs; and the closing of the Club Year with the May Breakfast held in 1954 at the Miami Woman's Club, a real social event.

Mrs. E. J. Beeche
Historian

1953 - 1954



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The El Portal Woman's Club is an integral part of our community life. In our club we can learn to love and respect others and their rights.

Let us keep ever before us this simple quotation: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." We receive God's richest gifts when we forget ourselves in sympathy and compassion for others.

The club's project for the year, that of equipping a room at the North Shore Hospital and buying hospital bonds, and the linen room service project all tend to stress our theme for this year of administration, "Others."

May each one of us be challenged to a greater service than heretofore.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sigurd A. Steinason

El Portal Womans Club

Founded by Dr. J. J. McCormick
September 12, 1946

Club Moto: Wisdom, Beauty, and Growth
Club Colors: Green and Yellow



Club Officers

President.....	Mrs. E. C. Cormack
First Vice-President.....	Mrs. Anthony La Rosa
Second Vice-President.....	Mrs. O. W. Brady, Sr.
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. C. B. Brooks
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. Fred Parker
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Walter Jones
Parliamentarian.....	Mrs. Wayne B. Dale
Auditor.....	Mrs. S. A. Steinarson

1954 - 1955



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we go into another year of our Club, let us strive toward kindness, and consideration of others, and to work together as one.

Our Club has taken part in many Civic and Community projects since its beginning and I feel it will continue to do so in the future.

Let us remember, the group that works together, stays together.

Sincerely,
Mrs. E. C. Cormack

The El Portal Woman's Club was founded Sept 12, 1946 by Dr James Mc Cormick.

Twenty six women attended the first meeting, Miss Mae Bush was elected its first President. The object of the club was to promote the educational, social and civic improvement in our Village. Mr H. O. Poore designed and executed our club seal. The name "El Portal" signifies "The Gate" thus the open gate in our seal extends a welcome to every woman resident of our Village.

In civic affairs the club has ~~worked~~^{aided} for the Red Cross drive, Community Chest, Little River Youth Center, March of Dimes and Cerebral Palsy. Veteran H.

The Club takes some credit in having the automatic traffic gates installed on 84th St over the railroad crossing.

Entertainment for the children of the village was the purpose of the Clubs Halloween Party and the Christmas party where Santa presented gifts to each child. These two events are annual affairs.

A portion of ^{Club} building fund was used in furnishing the kitchen. Ways + Means committee worked hard on this project, as did all the club members.

The playground was partly equipped also by the Club. A camera was purchased for Variety Children Hospital for research work.

A resuscitator was also purchased by the Club. A room was equipped in North Shore Hospital and a five hundred bond was bought by the club.

A bioscope and slides for science classes in Roosevelt Hospital were given by the club. The outstanding social event is our Annual May Breakfast and installation of officers every spring.

Club Officers

President	Mrs. Dorothy B. La Rosa
First Vice-President	Mrs. O. W. Brady, Sr.
Second Vice-President	Mrs. J. L. Jackson
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Elmer Boss
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Paul Bauer
Treasurer	Mrs. Fred L. Parker
Parliamentarian	Miss Mae Bush
Auditor	Mrs. S. A. Steinarson

Past Presidents

Miss Mae Bush	1946-1949
Mrs. George J. Meyers	1949-1950
Mrs. Fred Parker	1950-1951
Mrs. Joan B. Stanley	1951-1952
Mrs. Allan Hart	1952-1953
Mrs. S. A. Steinarson	1953-1954
Mrs. E. C. Cormack	1954-1955

1955 - 1957



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter our ninth year, I ask my fellow members to join me in being active in the desire to adhere to the fundamental principles for which this club was founded: To be sincere and staunch in loyalty, in faith and in service to each other; and I pledge to serve with diligence, humility and dignity.

Very sincerely,
Dorothy B. LaRosa

Club History

The El Portal Woman's Club was founded September 12, 1946, by Dr. James J. McCormick. Twenty-six women attended this meeting and elected Miss Mae Bush as the first president. The club's name was selected since the name "El Portal" signifies "The Gate"; thus the open gate in our seal extends a welcome to every woman resident of our Village. The object of the club was to promote the educational, social and civic improvement of our Village.

In civic affairs the club has aided the Red Cross and Community Chest Drives, the Little River Youth Center, March of Dimes, Cerebral Palsy Association, and the Veterans' Hospital. The club conducted a census of the Village, sponsored a Brownie troop, and was instrumental in having the automatic traffic gates installed on 87th Street over the railroad.

Two affairs for the entertainment of the children of the Village have been held annually—the Hallowe'en Party and the Christmas Party.

A building fund was established early in the club's history and used in furnishing the kitchen and Village Hall. The club purchased the piano and two silver tea services. Window fans for the Village Hall and additional flat silver and dishes have been bought.

Other projects carried out by the Woman's Club have been the purchase of a camera for research work for Variety Children's Hospital, a resuscitator for the use of the Village police department, and a bioscope and slides for the science classes in Roosevelt School for Exceptional Children. A room was equipped in North Shore Hospital and a five hundred dollar bond was bought by the club.

The outstanding social events each year are the Membership Tea and the May Breakfast.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members:

As we begin our Tenth Year, let us give of our talents and loyalties in service to each other to the best of our abilities and continue the splendid friendly cooperation that has been so prevalent the past year. Let us pause from time to time to remember friends, for the "Spirit of Friendship" is very precious and lives forever.

Very sincerely,
Dorothy B. LaRosa

Club Officers

President	Mrs. Arlis I. Nimmo
First Vice-President	Miss Mae Bush
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Adele Thomas
Recording Secretary	Miss Mae McGuire
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Walter Jones
Treasurer	Mrs. C. T. Fernans
Parliamentarian	Mrs. Roland W. Cooke
Auditor	Mrs. Jesse Eastman

Past Presidents

Miss Mae Bush	1946 - 1949
Mrs. George J. Meyers	1949 - 1950
Mrs. Fred Parker	1950 - 1951
Mrs. Joan B. Stanley	1951 - 1952
Mrs. Dorothea Brooks	1952 - 1953
Mrs. S. A. Steinarson	1953 - 1954
Mrs. E. C. Cormack	1954 - 1955
Mrs. Dorothy B. LaRosa	1955 - 1957

1957 - 1959



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members:

There is a Destiny, that makes us Brothers', none goes his way alone.

All that we send into the lives of other, comes back into our own.

Let us all remember these words as we again meet, to renew our pledge of Friendship.

Sincerely

Maxine Nimmo

Club History

The El Portal Woman's Club was founded by Dr. James J. McCormick on Sept. 12, 1946 with twenty-six original members. The object of the club; to promote the educational, civic and social improvement of our Village.

The outstanding social events each year are the October Membership Tea, President's Tea and May Breakfast. The Club endeavored to bring together the adults of the Village by sponsoring Saturday night social gatherings. Two affairs for the entertainment of the children of the Village have been held annually—the Hallowe'en Party and the Christmas Party.

In the Civic affairs of the club has aided the Red Cross, Community Chest, March of Dimes, Cerebral Palsy, Cancer Fund, and T. B. Fund Drives. They entertained the Veterans and through the Welfare Dept. helped several needy families by giving them clothing, shoes and medicine.

Other projects carried out by the Woman's Club have been the purchase of a camera for research work for Variety Children's Hospital, a Resuscitator for the use of the Village Police Department and a Bioscope and Slides for the science classes in Roosevelt School for Exceptional Children. A room was equipped in North Shore Hospital and a Five Hundred Dollar Bond was purchased.

This year a Hospital Fund for members was established. The club was instrumental in having the automatic traffic gates installed on 87th Street over the railroad.

Furnishings for the Hall came from an established building fund of long standing. The Club purchased a Piano, two Silver Tea Services, Two Window Fans, Flat Silver and Dishes.

Over a period of time members have donated many wonderful gifts and recently Silver Vegetable Dishes and a Silver Tea Service were among those received.

We are proud of the history we have made in the past ten years and of the pattern of work we have accomplished. We dedicate ourselves to greater work and accomplishment in the coming year as we turn this page in History.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members:

Getting to know you and working with you this past year, has been a very pleasant experience for me.

With your continued support and cooperation in the best interest of our Club, and the renewal of good fellowship, we will share another successful year together.

Sincerely,

Maxine I. Nimmo

Club Officers

President	Mrs. Arlis I. Nimmo
First Vice-President	Mrs. Vernon Browning
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Jesse Eastman
Recording Secretary	Miss Mae McGuire
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Alfred Kretschmar
Treasurer	Mrs. Thelma Whiteman
Parliamentarian	Mrs. Lilla Gordoni
Auditör	Mrs. Samuel Thomas

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Mrs. E. C. Cormack	1954 - 1955
Mrs. Dorothy B. LaRosa	1955 - 1957
Mrs. Arlis I. Nimmo	1957 -

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The Club has also furnished a room in North Shore Hospital and has purchased a Five Hundred Dollar Hospital Bond.

Last year a Member Hospital Fund was established. Benefit games parties and a musicale were given this past year to raise money for the Fund. This year the Club voted to discontinue the Member Hospital Plan.

The Club was honored by receiving the "Torch Award" from the United Fund for the all-around participation of Club Members in the Drive.

Outstanding events of the year were a fashion show, book reviews, a Tea honoring Past Presidents, Membership Tea and the annual May Breakfast.

Children of the Village were entertained at the annual Hallowe'en and Christmas Parties sponsored by the El Portal Women's Club, with the assistance of the Village Council.

Club Officers

President	Mrs. Vernon G. Browning
First Vice-President	Miss Mae McGuire
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Norman Ludwig
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Charles Zwicker
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Alfred Kretschmar
Treasurer	Mrs. Thelma Whiteman
Parliamentarian	Mrs. E. C. Cormack
Auditor	Mrs. Samuel Thomas

Past Presidents

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Mrs. S. A. Steinarson	1953 - 1954
Mrs. E. C. Cormack	1954 - 1955
Mrs. Dorothy B. LaRosa	1955 - 1957
Mrs. Arlis I. Nimmo	1957 - 1959

1959 - 1960



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Club Motto "Wisdom, Beauty and Growth"

Let us be always on the grow! Growth requires something to grow. One of the keys to growth is awareness. May we be aware of things, persons and needs. Everyone is born with a keen sense of awareness, but through dis-use some lose it. Let us reawaken our faculty of awareness by Observation, Understanding, Imagination and Participation!

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Vernon) Pearl Browning

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A grand piano was purchased for the club this year also new draperies and a folding screen.

A membership drive added 71 new members.

The President's project for this year was the giving of two scholarship awards of one hundred dollars each to a graduating boy and girl for outstanding academic achievement.

Outstanding events of this year were a fashion show, book reviews, a tea honoring Past Presidents, Membership Tea and the annual May Breakfast.

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MRS. E. J. BEECHE

CLUB HISTORY 1959 - 1960

Past achievements were reviewed at the Thirteenth Anniversary Smorgasbord. Other highlights were a Fashion Show and Brunch, The Pink Hibiscus Tea, The Presidents' Tea, an Auction Sale, The Stephen Foster Musicales, and the Brunch which honored Officers and Chairmen.

The Club continued the Games parties and holiday parties for the Village Children. We sponsored Girl Scout Troop 412 and donated the troop flag.

The Club gave ten baskets of food plus turkeys to needy families at Christmas and Thanksgiving. We gave four boxes of fruit, juices, soups, candy and gifts to the aged and four cases of milk to the Migrant Children. We contributed to and conducted the United Fund Drive in El Portal. Monastero was planted in the jardinieres at the entrance of the Village Hall. The piano was tuned and serviced.

We petitioned Metro Commission in the interest of the solution of Dade County Transit problems.

The Club's main project was to secure much needed equipment. We purchased flat silver and serving pieces, salad bowls, bread baskets, table linens, dish towels, ash trays, glass cups and plates, ice tea glasses, salt and pepper shakers, playing cards, a wrought iron tea cart, ten bridge tables and twenty rattan chairs. All rattan tables were repaired and refinished. New locks were placed on all cabinets and drawers.

The May Breakfast and Installation of Officers closed our Club year. This event drew a record attendance at the Miami Shores Country Club.

HISTORIAN MRS. E. J. BEECHE

Club Officers

President	Mrs. Vernon G. Browning
First Vice-President	Mrs. Norman Ludwig
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Hermon L. Watson
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Ivar Hasselstrom
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. T. H. Connally
Treasurer	Mrs. Thelma Whiteman
Parliamentarian	Mrs. E. C. Cormack
Auditor	Mrs. Charles Zwicker

Past Presidents

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Mrs. S. A. Steinarson	1953 - 1954
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Mrs. Arlis I. Nimmo	1957 - 1959

1960 - 1961



THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow-Members!

We may be justly proud of our combined efforts this past year. Please refer to the Club History of the current year book for a condensed record of work and activities.

Needless to say we have experienced co-operation and loyalty of the best type. There has been real teamwork in the accomplishment of community projects and Club events. We have enjoyed our work and social activities.

May this coming year prove equally as fruitful.

Sincerely,

(MRS. VERNON) PEARL BROWNING

1961 - 1962



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS!

Again I have the privilege of serving as your President.

Ten years ago we were in conflict with our enemies and again we are on the brink of war. At this time it could be most devastating, so let us as women of the Village work together in a friendly way, be kind to one another and practice the the Golden Rule.

Most sincerely,
MRS. FRED L. (JEANIE) PARKER

Club Officers

President	Mrs. Fred L. Parker
First Vice-President	Mrs. T. H. Connally
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Charles Lowry
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Eugene Soar
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. David Thomas
Treasurer	Mrs. Thelma Whiteman
Parliamentarian	Mrs. Vernon Browning
Auditor	Mrs. Chares Zwicker

Past Presidents

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Mrs. Arlis I. Nimmo	1957 - 1959
Mrs. Vernon Browning	1959 - 1961

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CLUB HISTORY 1960 - 1961

In September our Club celebrated it's 14th Anniversary with a Smorgasbord and Penny Sale.

At the Autumn Membership Tea we added 14 new members. Other events were the President's Tea, Games parties, junk and Jewels Sales, Book Review, Calendar Brunch, Fashion Show, Veteran's Birthday Party and the Fashionette and Lectures for our newly established Student Loan Fund. We arranged 4th of July, Hallowe'en and Christmas parties for the Village Children.

Baskets of food plus hams and turkeys were given to needy families as well as gifts to several of the Convalescent homes during the holidays. We contributed to and conducted the United Fund drive in El Portal. Donations were made to the March of Dimes and Cancer Society. Members of the Club worked on the Cancer drive under the direction of our President and this drive went over the top in our community. Civil Defense and First Aid classes were well received.

More rattan chairs were purchased, glass plates, candelabras, table cloths, waste baskets, sugar bowls, creamers, mirror and an electric clock for the Village Hall. The Ladies Lounge was redecorated. Additional shelves were also added to our pantry.

The Club presented the new 50 star flag which was originally given to the Girl Scout troop to the Village.

Our President entertained all Officers and Chairmen at a Brunch and Games Party in appreciation of their cooperation during her year.

The May Breakfast and Installation of new Officers at Davis Restaurant closed the Club year for 1960-61.

HISTORIAN MRS. E. J. BEECHE

1962 - 1963



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS!

It is with great honor that I serve as your President this year. I know with the fine Project we have chosen, the Retarded Children's Society of Dade County, and with the combined efforts and the cooperation of all members, we will have a rewarding year.

Sincerely,

MRS. CHARLES F. (Myra) LOWRY.

In September the Club celebrated its 15th Anniversary with a Smorgasbord. Among the guests were the founder Dr. J. J. McCormick and Organizing Members, the Mayor, Honorable Arlis I. Nimmo, the Councilmen and Village Employees.

The club project was the addition of at least one thousand dollars to the Student Loan Fund. To finance the project there was an Auction, a Junk and Jewel Sale, Hatorama, a Games Party and a most successful Fashion Show. Two students, a son and daughter of Club members were granted loans.

Among the highlights of the Club year were the Welcome Membership Tea when 42 new members were introduced, Veterans Party, Dessert Bridge, and the regular monthly Games Parties.

The Welfare Department with the cooperation of the entire membership distributed baskets of food to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. These baskets contained hams, turkey and gifts. The Club contributed to and worked for the United Fund, March of Dimes, the Cancer and Heart Fund Drives. We were the Hostess Club to the Northeast Junior Womans Club when they conducted a test drive for Cystic Fibrosis in El Portal.

The Club granted its first Honorary Membership.

A new History Book with plastic inserts was purchased to preserve club records.

The children of the Village were again given Halloween and Christmas Parties in cooperation with the Council.

The year closed with the Hawaiian Theme May Breakfast and Installation of Officers at Cliffords' restaurant.

HISTORIAN

MRS. E. J. BEECHE

Club Officers

President	Mrs. Charles F. Lowry
First Vice-President	Mrs. T. H. Connally
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Forrest H. Bowen
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Eugene A. Soar
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. W. W. Salter
Treasurer	Mrs. Thelma Whiteman
Parliamentarian	Mrs. Vernon G. Browning
Auditor	Mrs. James W. Melcher

Past Presidents

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Mrs. George J. Meyers	1949-1950
Mrs. Fred L. Parker	1950-1951 - 1961-1962
Mrs. Joan B. Stanley	1951-1952
Mrs. Dorothalee Brooks	1952-1953
Mrs. S. A. Steinerson	1953-1954
Mrs. E. C. Cormack	1954-1955
Mrs. Dorothy B. LaRosa	1955-1957
Mrs. Arlis I. Nimmo	1957-1959
Mrs. Vernon G. Browning	1959-1961

1963 - 1964



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to serve as your President for the coming year.

El Portal means "open door". Let's make our Club not only an open door to all women of the Village but such a friendly door that they will want to enter and be friendly with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. T. H. (Berniece) Connally

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CLUB HISTORY
1962 - 1963

In September our club celebrated its 16th anniversary with a Smorgasbord and Auction.

At the autumn Membership Tea we welcomed 18 new members. Other events were the President's Tea, Dessert Bridge-art show, monthly games parties, Book Review, Calendar Brunch, Fashion Show and Veterans Party. We entertained our village children with Halloween and Christmas parties. Baskets of food plus ham and turkeys were given to needy families, toys were donated to needy children of this area. Donations were made to Cancer, Heart, United Fund and other worthy organizations. Our club conducted a Village Cancer and Heart drive and members were most helpful. We also sponsored a Girl Scout troop and a sewing class.

Our main project of year was presenting the Retarded Children Society of Dade County a new Greenbrier truck to be used in their work shop activities. Funds were raised for this project through our annual fashion show. Additional funds were raised and loaned from our Student Loan Fund.

The Club received a Community Service Certificate from the Miami Daily News for "its outstanding contribution to the improvement of our community".

The Retarded Children Society presented our Club with an award for outstanding service to their work shop.

Our President entertained all officers and chairmen at a buffet luncheon and thanked them for their fine cooperation throughout the year.

We ended our year with a lovely May Breakfast and Installation of new officers at the Miami Womens Club. For the first time in our Club's history we presented awards to our club members - Mrs. Vernon G. Browning received "outstanding club member award" and Mrs. Paul Bauer "honorable mention award".

1964 - 1965



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS-

ONCE AGAIN IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE YOU AS PRESIDENT OF THE EL PORTAL WOMAN'S CLUB.

MAY WE LOOK FORWARD TOGETHER TO A HARMONIOUS AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN ALL OUR UNDERTAKINGS.

SINCERELY,
MRS. ARLIS I. NIMMO

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT.....	MRS. ARLIS I. NIMMO
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	MRS. WILLIAM PEEPLES
SECOND VICE PRES.....	MRS. FORREST BOWEN
RECORDING SECRETARY	MRS. ELMER BOSS
CORRESPONDING SEC'Y.	MRS. MAURICE RINGLE
TREASURER.....	MRS. THELMA WHITEMAN
PARLIAMENTARIAN.....	MRS. E. R. KOHLENBERGER
AUDITOR.....	MRS. GLADYS GALL

PAST PRESIDENTS

MRS. MAE BUSH.....	1946 - 1949
MRS. GEORGE J. MEYERS.....	1949 - 1950
MRS. FRED L. PARKER.....	1950 - 1951 - 1961 - 1962
MRS. JOAN B. STANLEY.....	1951 - 1952
MRS. DOROTHALEE BROOKS.....	1952 - 1953
MRS. S. A. STEINARSON.....	1953 - 1954
MRS. E. C. CORMACK.....	1954 - 1955
MRS. DOROTHY B. LAROSA.....	1955 - 1957
MRS. ARLIS I. NIMMO.....	1957 - 1959
MRS. VERNON G. BROWNING.....	1959 - 1961
MRS. CHARLES F. LOWRY.....	1962 - 1963
MRS. T. H. CONNALLY.....	1963 - 1964

CLUB HISTORY

1963 - 1964

IN RESPECT TO THE DEATH OF ONE OF OUR COUNCILMEN, WE CANCELED THE CELEBRATION OF OUR 17TH BIRTHDAY AND SMORGASBORD, USUALLY HELD IN SEPTEMBER.

OUR MONEY MAKING PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR WERE, MONTHLY GAME PARTIES HELD THE FIRST MONDAY NIGHT OF THE MONTH, STARTING IN OCTOBER AND ENDING IN MAY. ANNUAL FASHION SHOW, HELD IN JANUARY AT THE MIAMI WOMAN'S CLUB. CALENDAR BRUNCH HELD IN FEBRUARY. IN JANUARY WE HAD A BAKING CONTEST WITH MEMBERS ENTERING THEIR FAVORITE RECIPES, AFTER THE CONTEST THE BAKE GOODS WERE AUCTIONED OFF AT A NICE PROFIT.

SOCIAL EVENTS INCLUDED THE MEMBERSHIP TEA, HONORING NEW MEMBERS, TWO DESSERT BRIDGES, AND THE PRESIDENT'S TEA, HONORING PAST PRESIDENTS.

PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR CONSISTED OF, ART APPRECIATION DAY, THE SHOWING OF A GRAND TOUR OF EUROPE FILM, BOOK REVIEWS AND A PROGRAM ON THE LIFE OF STEPHEN FOSTER.

OTHER OUTSTANDING EVENTS WERE HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTMAS PARTIES FOR THE VILLAGE CHILDREN, A MARCH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR VETERANS AT THE CORAL GABLES VETERAN'S HOSPITAL.

WE SPONSORED A GIRL SCOUT TROOP, UNITED FUND AND CANCER DRIVES. DONATIONS WERE MADE TO THE HEART FUND, MARCH OF DIMES AND T B SEALS. AT CHRISTMAS TIME WE GAVE SEVERAL GROCERY CERTIFICATES TO NEEDY FAMILIES. THE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

OF \$300 WAS PRESENTED TO THE NEW DADE COUNTY SUNLAND TRAINING CENTER FOR RETARDED CHILDREN, TO BE USED FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT OR TO HELP FURNISH A RECREATION ROOM.

OUR PRESIDENT ENTERTAINED THE OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN AT A LUNCHEON IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR FINE COOPERATION DURING THE YEAR.

THE OUTSTANDING EVENT OF THE YEAR, OUR MAY BREAKFAST AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, WAS HELD AT THE HURRICANE HARBOR LOUNGE.

WE ENDED THE YEAR WITH A BENEFIT GAMES PARTY FOR THE STUDENT LOAN FUND AT THE FIRST FEDERAL BANK'S FRIENDSHIP ROOM.

MRS. E. J. BEECHE

HISTORIAN



THE
PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

Greetings:

I deeply appreciate the honor of serving as your President and pledge to fulfill the responsibilities of leadership to the best of my ability.

The greatest accomplishment of our Club is the making and strengthening of friendships among the ladies of El Portal. May we all work together with harmony and enthusiasm toward this goal.

Sincerely,
Mrs. W. H. Peeples

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CLUB HISTORY
1964 - 1965

This year marked the 18th birthday of our club which was celebrated at the Village Hall with a Smorgasbord. We reminisced of the many worthwhile gifts presented the past years. A camera for research to Variety Children's Hospital; a resuscitator for the use of our Village Police Department; a bioscope and slides for science classes at Roosevelt School for exceptional children; a room equipped at North Shore Hospital and a Five Hundred Dollar Bond. This year and for a few past years, our presidents' projects have been, Parents of the Blind; Student Loan Fund and Handicapped Children.

Money making projects throughout the year consisted of a monthly card party and two special events, a ham dinner and a bridge luncheon.

Baskets of food for the poor at Thanksgiving and clothing and food at Christmas were donated.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
THEME for 1967 -- 1968

Service and Friendship

Greetings to each of you, and a
very special wish for a happy year in



club activities.

I trust that our Club work will
bring both pride and satisfaction into
our lives, and that we will accomplish
many great things in the next year.
Thank you for your confidence; I appre-
ciate it.

Cordially,
Elma Wells, President.

CLUB OFFICERS

President Mrs. Jos. Wells
First Vice President..Mrs.Arlis Nimmo
Second Vice President ...
... Mrs. Mary B. Fleming
Recording Secretary...Mrs. Elmer Boss
Corresponding Secretary ...
... Mrs. H. J. Delaney
Treasurer Mrs. John W. Barret
Parliamentarian Mrs. Harry Braff

CLUB HISTORY
1966-1967

Completing our first full year of affiliation with the Dade County Federation, we have enjoyed the friendships formed and our participation in the functions of the Federation.

We look forward to the continuation of this association with the fine clubs of our area.

Our club year was opened with a beautiful candle light installation of the new officers at the Hurricane Harbor Lounge. Pink and red was the color scheme of the table decorations at this impressive ceremony.

During the summer months our activities were simple and consisted of our monthly social with covered dish luncheon and the members becoming better acquainted.

Our first large function was the traditional Birthday Party, September 16th, commemorating the 20th anniversary of Club. At this luncheon, held in our

Village Hall, we honored all organizing members, our Mayor and Village Councilmen, the President of our Village Men's Club, our Police officers and all employees of our Village. We all enjoyed the large Birthday Cake and the well wishes of our guests.

In October we had a beautiful Reception and Musicales, honoring our new members. We went "all out" for this function giving our new members a royal welcome.

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas parties were well attended and in the spirit of the Holiday Season.

A lovely Reception, honoring our President and Past Presidents and our "Art Festival" were outstanding affairs of the winter season.

These events, together with our upcoming May Breakfast, rounded out the formal affairs of our Club year. They were interspersed with our regular business programs and informative films.

A full year of social and fun activities did not interfere with our evening

card parties, a Calendar Brunch, an
afternoon Games Party and a very suc-
cessful Rummage Sale.

The proceeds of this Rummage Sale
did enable us to present a check for
\$300.00 to the "Suniland Training Cen-
ter" at our May Breakfast.

Our Student Loan Fund aided two
young people to continue their educa-
tion.

Our Welfare activities this year
consisted of large boxes of Christmas
gifts for the inmates and a cash dona-
tion to the South Florida Mental Hospi-
tal. We gave Thanksgiving Baskets,
loaded with a large turkey and grocer-
ies, and \$10.00 Christmas Checks to
several needy families.

We sponsored the United Fund Drive
in our Village, contributed to the
Cancer Drive, Heart Fund, March of
Dimes and Easter Seals.

We continued our sponsorship of a
Girl Scout Cadet Troop, which pre-
sented the club with a beautiful Cer-
tificate of appreciation. We also
received a beautiful Certificate from

the "Children's Home Society of Florida" in token of our assistance given them last year.

In Dade County Federation activities, twenty of our members attended the "Fiesta". We were also represented at the Fine Arts display, with three entries, one of which won second prize. Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs presented the United Fund Community Spirit Award to our club. It was a beautiful brass and walnut plaque.

Our Club Year has been a busy and harmonious one with active participation by our members. We feel that we have grown and accomplished much good.

Mrs. E. J. Beeche,

Historian

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THEME FOR 1968-1969
"LET US BE LARGE IN THOUGHT, IN WORD,
IN DEED."



Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me and with the help of each club member, I feel sure we are going to have a successful and happy year.

Let us remember these words,

"Keep us, O God, from pettiness, let us be large in thought, in word, in deed."

Sincerely yours,

Mary B. Fleming

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Mrs. Mary Fleming
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT..Mrs. Elmer Boss
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT...Mrs. F. Bowen
RECORDING SECRETARY....Mrs. Wm. Jones
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....
.....Mrs. J. Stuteville
TREASURER.....Mrs. John Barret
PARLIAMENTARIAN..Mrs. Joan B. Stanley

CLUB HISTORY
1967 - 1968

Our Club Year began on May 1967 with a Spring luncheon and installation of Officers at Hurricane Harbor Lounge. It was a solemn and impressive ceremony with Mrs. Wyatt O. Crane of Dade County Federation of Woman's Clubs as the installing Officer.

During the Summer months, just a social meeting is held with the members preparing covered dishes for the luncheons, followed by cards.

The first big event of the Fall season was on September 21st, 1967, when we really celebrated our coming of age. We have now passed the 21st year since the El Portal Woman's Club was organized. A birthday party was held at the Village Hall honoring Past Presidents, organizing members, our Mayor and his Council, President of the Village Men's Club, Police Officers and all employees of the Village Hall and their wives, and included a welcome to new members. A delicious luncheon with birthday

cake was enjoyed by all.

During the year at our social meetings, the Program Chairman presented varied and informative programs, some with audience participation.

The Welfare Chairman and her committee helped to brighten the lives of needy families with baskets of groceries for their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and an assortment of gifts for patients of the South Florida Mental Hospital.

Donations were presented to the Cancer, Heart Fund, March of Dimes, T.B. seals and Relief Fund. We also donated to the Robert Frost Memorial, a beautiful stone, which was placed at the University of Miami.

In January and February the highlights were two very important events, The Calendar Brunch and Fine Arts Appreciation; Both required much planning and work by the Chairmen and their committees.

On March 29th, a luncheon and Evolution of Fashions was held at Jordan Marsh Auditorium. It was well attend

and enjoyed by all. The proceeds go-
ing to the President's Project, which
was a Resuscitator for the Police Depart-
ment of the Village of El Portal.

We sponsor a Girl Scout Cadette
Troop.

The El Portal Garden Club added the
finishing touch to our tea table during
the year with beautiful floral arrange-
ments.

Mrs. E. J. Beeche,
Historian.

LIFE'S SUN HURRIES

If you have a kind word, say it;
Living hearts soon sink to rest;
If you owe a kindness, pay it;
Life's sun hurries to the West.

If some grand thing for tomorrow
You are dreaming, do it now;
From the future do not borrow;
Frost soon gathers on the brow.

Days for deeds are few, my brother,
Then TODAY fulfill your vow;
If you mean to help another,
Do not dream it---DO IT NOW.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THEME FOR 1969-1970

"WE PULL THE MOST WHEN WE PULL TOGETHER"



My thanks to each of you for the confidence you have in me. My theme for the year is "WE PULL THE MOST WHEN WE PULL TOGETHER."

One Officer alone cannot run the club, neither can the combined Officers. We need the help of each and every member.

If we are to pull the most, we MUST pull together.

Sincerely,

Jennie Bragg

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Mrs. Harry Bragg

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.. Mrs. John Flanigan

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT
.. Mrs. J. Stuteville

RECORDING SECRETARY . . Mrs. Wm. Jones

CORRESPONDING SEC'Y. Mrs. Fred Hammer

TREASURER Mrs. John Barret

PARLIAMENTARIAN. Mrs. E.R. Kohlenberger

... CLUB HISTORY ...
1968 - 1969

Our Club Year began with a lovely installation luncheon at the Hurricane Harbor Lounge, our first president, Miss Mae E. Bush was installing officer. The first big event of our new year was our 22nd birthday party luncheon in September at our Village Hall. On this day, we honored our organizing members, past presidents, the Mayor, councilmen, president of the men's club, police officers and all employees of the Village. The Hall was beautifully decorated and a delicious luncheon with a lovely birthday cake was enjoyed by us all, after which we were entertained with a most enjoyable program. Throughout the year, all our members have contributed many hours of work to help those less fortunate than we. The president had as her project "THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH." The president and three of our members made

the trip to Live Oak, Fla., to inspect the Ranch and they came home very pleased and with much praise for the good work that is being done to help these boys and to mould them into our leaders of tomorrow. We are very happy that we have had a small part in this very worthy cause. To make our project a reality, our members worked hard and gave much of their time; we had a dessert bridge, rummage sale and a ham dinner. All of these members who worked so faithfully deserve a big hand for without their working together, this project could not have been realized.

During the year, we had some very interesting programs, which were enjoyed by all. In August, we donated and made over 100 sandwiches for the U.S.O. Each of the different clubs in Miami have been asked to do this and we felt it was a worthy project, who knows some of our sons, grandsons, sons-in-law or loved ones may be in another city far from home and wouldn't

it be nice to know some of the women in those cities were helping to brighten their days.

Our year has been a good and rewarding year, thanks to each of our members.

Again, we say many thanks to all of the ladies of the El Portal Garden Club. They did a beautiful job in always brightening our parties with a lovely floral arrangement. It is a pleasure to work with these ladies and we do appreciate all that they did for us.

Along with all of the good things that we shared this year, we had to share some sad as well. Our very dear friend and the man who had the first happy thoughts of getting all of us ladies of El Portal together, left us this year, Dr. J. J. McCormick. In his memory, we are having a podium built so that we will always see and know he is with us in spirit.

Mrs. E. J. Beeche,
Historian

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IN MEMORY OF OUR FOUNDER

DR. JAMES J. MC CORMICK

On September 12, 1946, each lady living in our then small village received a letter from the Mayor asking them to meet with him at our village hall. The village business at that time was conducted from a garage. Twenty-six ladies responded to the invitation from Dr. James J. McCormick, our mayor, and that afternoon formed the El Portal Woman's Club.

Through these 22 years many changes have taken place in our village and in our woman's club but through these years, our strongest booster was our founder, Dr. J. J. McCormick.

The village and the Woman's Club will miss this fine gentleman, for he gave much of himself in making this village a great place for all of us to live.

He will be missed, true, but his good deeds and big heart will always be remembered.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THEME FOR 1970 - 1971

"DO NOT DREAM IT--DO IT NOW"



It is an honor for
me to serve again
this year as your
President.

I do appreciate your loyal support,
and I look forward to working with you
in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Jennie Bragg

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CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT.....MRS. HARRY BRAGG
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT....
.....MRS. JOHN FLANIGAN
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT...
.....MRS. FORREST BOWEN
RECORDING SECRETARY...MRS. WM. JONES
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY...
.....MRS. FRED HAMMER
TREASURER.....MRS. JOHN BARRET
PARLIAMENTARIAN.....
.....MRS. E. R. KOHLENBERGER

CLUB HISTORY
1969 -- 1970

The El Portal Woman's Club began its 23rd year with an installation luncheon at the Miami Shores Country Club. Mrs. John Stiles was the Installing Officer. Our theme for the year has been "We Pull The Most When We Pull Together."

Each September we have our Birthday Luncheon, honoring our organizing members. This year a podium was dedicated in memory of Dr. James J. McCormick, who, in 1946, while Mayor of El Portal, founded our Club. Dr. James J. McCormick, Jr. was our honor guest and accepted this gift for the McCormick family.

The President's project was to aid financially a local kidney machine patient.

We have provided a Scholarship loan of \$500.00 to help a young man continue his education at the University of Miami.

Our members have been generous with

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CLUB WOMEN OF AMERICA

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; Let us
be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding and
leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet
each other face to face without self-
pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and
always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better
impulses, straight-forward and unafraid.
Let us take time for all things; Make
us grow calm, serene and gentle.

Grant that we may realize it is the
little things that create difference
that in the big things of life we are
as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know
the great common human heart of us all.

And, O Lord God, Let us not forget to
be kind.

Mary Stuart

their time, they have contributed many hours to help our Club in the three money raising projects we have undertaken. They have also participated in the various fund drives.

Our Welfare Committee was responsible for collecting and delivering baskets of food for two families at Thanksgiving. For Christmas, we donated food baskets and gifts to two families.

We sponsored the first Christmas Open House for the residents of our Village. Many of our members brought their favorite decorations so we could "Deck the Hall."

We continue our Sponsorship of Girl Scout Cadette Troop #40. We are proud that they belong to us. All thirty-five of them!

We are very proud that one of our members, Mrs. Forrest Bowen, was chosen as a 1970 Community Headliner by the Greater Miami Chapter of Theta Sigma Phi. To be chosen, women must have contributed to Community Welfare through civic work,

the professions and the arts. Mrs. Bowen serves our club as Student Loan Chairman.

The El Portal Garden Club was generous with their lovely floral arrangements. We do appreciate their thoughtfulness.

This has been a most harmonious and rewarding year for our club.

Mrs. E. J. Beeche,
Historian

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THEME FOR 1971 - 1972

"HARMONY & SERVICE"



I offer sincere thanks to the members for the opportunity to serve as your President.

I could do

nothing without leaders and background workers as well. With your cooperation during our 25th Year, the El Portal Woman's Club cannot help but go forward in Harmony & Service.

Sincerely,
Harriet Stiles

CLUB HISTORY
1971 -- 1972

In May, our Installation Tea was held at the El Portal Village Hall which was beautifully decorated in green and yellow (our club colors). Mrs. Joseph Miller installed the officers with the floral ceremony and presented each one with a handkerchief rose in a color appropriate to her office.

During the year, we recognized our Past Presidents, our Charter Members and our twelve new members. 633 hours were given in volunteer work for community projects.

We sponsored a girl in the March of Dimes pledge walk and donated some of their refreshments.

We sponsor a Girl Scout Cadette Troop. Monetary donations were given to cancer, heart, March of Dimes, TB Seals, United Fund and relief fund.

Supplies for ditty bags were collected for Red Cross and \$5.00 for extra needs.

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. John Stiles

VIRST VICE-PRESIDENT...Mrs.H.F.Deagan

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.Mrs.Fred Hammer

RECORDING SECRETARY...Mrs. Wm.C.Jones

CORRESPONDING SECY...Mrs. Edw. Mappin

TREASURER.....Mrs. John W. Barret

PARLIAMENTARIAN.....Mrs. Mary Fleming

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THEME FOR 1972 - 1973

"COMMUNITY PRIDE AND CLUB SPIRIT"



Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as president.

May this coming year continue to show the community in spirit and service, the love and pride we have for our unique village.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Sargent
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CLUB HISTORY
1972--1973

Our Club Year began with our installation luncheon at Rocky Graziano's restaurant on Biscayne Boulevard. Mrs. Harry Bragg, a Past-president, installed the incoming officers in a beautiful and meaningful candlelight ceremony.

In September, we held our twenty-sixth birthday party honoring past-presidents, charter members and village council.

We sponsored a girl in the Cerebral Palsy pledge walk. Donations were given to the March of Dimes, Heart, T.B.Seals and United Fund. We have continued to sponsor a Girl Scout Cadette Troop. We donated 100 sandwiches to the U.S.O. Our Welfare Committee collected for and delivered food baskets to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. A luncheon and Games Party was held to raise money for the President's project and \$500.00 was donated to the American Cancer Society.

CLUB OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Bernard Sargent
- FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT....
.....Mrs. H. F. Deagan
- SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT...
.....Mrs. Fred Hammer
- RECORDING SECRETARY.Mrs. Wm. C. Jones
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY....
.....Mrs. H. Peterson
- TREASURER.....Mrs. James Bifano
- PARLIAMENTARIAN...Mrs. Robert Wheeler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THEME FOR 1974-1975
UNITY

Your confidence in electing me as your president is greatly appreciated.

This year's theme is "UNITY." I would like to pass it on and hope each one will make it her own personal goal for a successful club year.

U is for Union

N is for New Ideas. Pass them on.

I is for interest. A club is only successful as the interest of its members.

T is for Togetherness. If we all pull together there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

Y is for You. In the final analysis, it is you that makes the difference between an active or an inactive club.

Sincerely,
Ceil Brumbaugh



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Mary Stuart

CLUB HISTORY
1946 -- 1971

History- what is history? Webster's Dictionary gives several definitions of the word. Among them "All recorded events of the past;" "Something that belongs to the past;" "Something important enough to record."

The latter definition speaks well for the El Portal Woman's Club. Our recorded history is an impressive one.

Under the leadership of Miss Mae Bush, our first President, we were instrumental in having the wooden bridge on Miami Ave. replaced; the new Little River Youth Center was the recipient of a cash donation; the first Brownie Scout Troop was organized in 1947; Halloween and Christmas parties were given for the children of the Village.

Our second President, Mrs. George Meyers, urged all members to participate in "talent money"-proceeds to be donated to the Village Hall building fund. We secured \$1000.00 and the Village Hall was completed during the reign.

Dedication of the Hall came under the Presidency of Mrs. Fred Parker. We were on television- a first for Miami-television at the dedication of a public building. A playground equipment fund was started; Veterans at a local hospital were entertained, an event that lasted many years. A Blood Bank was established for members and their families.

Mrs. Joan B. Stanley gave her leadership and talents at a Country Store, raising funds to further furnish our new Village Hall. Included in this purchase were an exhaust fan for the kitchen and a coffee urn.

Mrs. C. B. Brooks spearheaded the drive for the purchase of a Bioscope and Slides for Roosevelt School for Exceptional Children, also a camera was purchased for research work at Variety Children's Hospital.

To our knowledge, El Portal's first Parade was organized as a "kick-off" to the Community Chest Drive, this was under the direction of our President Mrs. Sigurd Steinarson. Room 225 at

the new North Shore Hospital was furnished by the Club, and members worked in the linen room at North Shore. The Village playground was dedicated.

Seminole Indians were our guests and flower arranging classes were sponsored by Mrs. E. C. Cormack.

Mrs. Dorothy La Rosa saw the need for fellowship among our residents so Saturday night socials were sponsored. The Club voted to establish a Hospital Fund for members.

When Mrs. Arlis Nimmo served as our President, new drapes were purchased for the Village Hall. We received the Torch Award from the United Fund. A piano was given to the Village for use in the Hall.

Mrs. Vernon Browning gave scholarship awards to two deserving students, bridge tables and chairs were purchased, also more equipment for the kitchen. A Student Loan Plan was established.

Our next President, Mrs. Charles Lowry worked diligently to purchase a truck for the Retarded Children's Society. Under her leadership, our fir

Lifetime membership was given to Miss Mae Bush, our first President.

Mrs. T. H. Conally made us aware of our Baking abilities by sponsoring a Baking Contest. Her project for the year was Playground Equipment for Sunland Training Center.

Mrs. Wm. Peoples sponsored our first rummage sale. South Florida Mental Hospital and Sunland Training Center were our projects. This year we joined the Dade Federation of Women's Clubs.

At last we are of age-We're 21! Under the leadership of Mrs. Jos. Wells, we had an Evolution of Styles and a much needed Resuscitator was purchased for our Police Department.

The 22nd year was a sad one for our Club as our founder, Dr. James J. McCormick, passed away. Mrs. Mary Fleming, our President, had as her project sports equipment for the Florida Sheriff's Boy's Ranch in Live Oak, Fla. We made sandwiches for the U.S.O. and a podium was purchased in honor of our late founder.

Our 23rd and 24th years were very successful ones with Mrs. Harry Bragg at the helm.

Her projects were "to aid a Kidney Machine Patient" and "a much needed lighted Bulletin Board in front of Our Village Hall to inform all residents of coming events."

We held our first successful Open House at Christmas for all villagers.

We provided a \$1000.00 Scholarship Loan to a University of Miami Student.

We donated silver to the hall to be used by all Village Clubs.

We were Hostess for the Police Appreciation Day for which we were awarded a citation from the Greater Miami Crime Commission.

We sponsored a Defensive Driving Course.

We were very appreciative to the El Portal Garden Club for their many floral arrangements for our tea tables.

Under the leadership of each and every President, we have participated in all local fund drives.

Programs for our information, and

entertainment, service to our
community, help for the needy, all
these total to our motto "Wisdom,
Beauty, and Growth." We're 25 years
old. Something important enough to
be RECORDED.

Mrs. E. J. Beeche,

Historian

COMMITTEES

1971 - 1972

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jos. Wells

Mrs. Mary Fleming Mrs. Harry Bragg

AUDITING

C.P.A.

DECORATING

Mrs. W. A. Crismore.....Chairman

DEVOTIONAL

Mrs. E. R. Kohlenberger.....Chairman

FINANCE

Mrs. T. H. Connally.....Chairman

Mrs. Mary Fleming.....Co-Chairman

FINE ARTS

Mrs. James Bifano.....Chairman

Mrs. A. M. Paulk.....Co-Chairman

GIRL SCOUTS

Mrs. Harry Bragg.....Chairman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Theme for 1975-1976 BiCentennial

LET FREEDOM RING

Your confidence in electing me once again to serve as your President is greatly appreciated.

In this Bi-Centennial Year, let us look forward with the same spirit of our Forefathers, to reach the goals we have set for ourselves and be rewarded with its achievements.



1975-1976

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Theme for 1976-1977

"Keep Freedom Ringing"



With the freedom of truths ringing within us, we shall progress.

In beginning our third century, let us all remember the dedication of our founding fathers and the greatest of these is God. His guidance gave us our country, our freedoms to life, love and the pursuit of happiness. Let us remember to support and cooperate with one another.

1975 — 1976

CLUB HISTORY

Thirty years ago, our Club was born. Only a few of us remember that day when we met with our Founder, Dr. J. McCormick and Co-Founder, Mae Bush.

This year under the guidance of our President, Maxine Cassals, our theme was "Let Freedom Ring" so our project was Bicentennial.

We gave a Bicentennial Flag to our Village which flies over the City Hall and a framed Rug Mural which hangs inside our Hall.

A three day Celebration was held with the Woman's Club introducing "Patriots and Petticoats" consisting of members from the Civic Club, Garden Club and Woman's Club under the supervision of Libby Bowen.

The Garden Club held their Horticulture Show Friday Night and a dedication at the Indian Mound on Saturday. The Civic Club closed on Sunday with a parade thru the Village and bicycle race.

We remembered the less fortunate at Thanksgiving and Christmas and a few other charities.

We are proud of our record and accomplishments over the years and feel certain our members will carry on our motto and by 1996, we'll celebrate with greater jubilation.

Mrs. E. J. Beeche, Historian

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

As we enter into our Seventh Year of Club work, our President, Mrs. Siguid Steinarson, and Club members chose for our project North Shore Hospital. Our President's theme for this year was stressing the thought of not ourselves but others. How well this applied to our project. It was finally decided to equip a room in the hospital and buy a \$500.00 bond. Various members also worked in the linen room one morning each week. The following services were rendered by the members at the hospital:

Mrs. William Bauer	75 sheets	5 bolts
Mrs. Mayrene Lichner	34 sheets	3 bolts
Mrs. Joseph Portsheller	48 sheets	
Mrs. Hardee	56 sheets	2 bolts
Mrs. Joan Stanley	48 sheets	towels
Mrs. Lois Raimondi	20 sheets	
Mrs. Lillian Boss		

Mrs. James White donated one pair of crutches. Several members of the Club gave benefit parties to help meet the expenses.

The first social event of the fall season was our Seventh Birthday Party, Sept. 17, 1953. The decorations were yellow hibiscus with a beautifully decorated birthday cake in seagreen and yellow, the Club colors. This is an annual event commemorating its modest beginning with sixteen members to its present total of one hundred fifty-five active members. There were eight new members this year and one hundred seventeen paid members.

A report on Pledges for the North Shore Hospital from June 1953 to June 1954 was as follows:

30 pledges paid	\$307.40	Remitted to Treasurer same.
Donations outside of club	21.00	
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	\$328.40	

On October 15, 1953 our annual membership tea was held in the Club House. Mrs. James White, first Vice President and membership Chairman was in charge. The year books were presented to members at this time. Mrs. Henry Filger was in charge of decorations which featured a white wrought iron arch banked with ferns and palms.

Also in October the annual Hallow'en party for the children was held in the Club House.

The annual Christmas party was held on Dec. 17, 1953. It was a lovely party with all enjoying the gift exchange.

A Christmas party for the children of the Community was given in the Club House.

The Ways and Means Committee held several benefit games parties throughout the season. There was a successful rummage sale due to the efforts of Mrs. Barrett. The proceeds of the sale will go into the club's general welfare fund.

Mrs. Fred L. Rouse brought honor and distinction to the El Portal Woman's Club when she was chosen by the women of her club as Stokely-Van-Camp's Best Cook for the week of Jan. 7, 1954.

The community chest drive under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Jackson on Sunday, Jan. 10, 1954 went over the top.

On Jan. 28, 1954 Mother's March on Polio (March of Dimes) under the leadership of Mrs. Harry Bragg was very successful. A total of \$701.56 was collected.

The birthday party for the Veterans at Pratt General Hospital was very successful and a lovely party.

On March 8th and 9th, 1954 the Red Cross Drive under the guidance of Mrs. J. L. Jackson was a huge success.

March 18, 1954 a ficus tree was planted on the play ground. This tree was donated by the Mayor and Council of El Portal. Councilman Wanick, beautification chairman, was in charge of the arrangements.

On April 15, 1954 a benefit card party was held for the North Shore Hospital. Mrs. George F. McBride was Chairman.

The May Breakfast was held on May 20th, 1954 at the Miami Woman's Club.

Results of the recent election of officers for 1954 and 1955 are:

Mrs. Elroy C. Cormack,	President
Mrs. Anthony L. LaRosa	First Vice President
Mrs. O. W. Brady, Sr.	Second Vice President
Mrs. Charles B. Brooks	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Fred L. Parker	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Walter Jones	Treasurer
Mrs. Wayne B. Dale	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Siguid Steinarson	Auditor

Respectfully submitted,

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Mrs. Earl J. Beeche,

Historian



VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM

"Rediscovering Our Heritage"

February 12, 13, 14, 15, 1976

VILLAGE OF EL PORTAL

Incorporated, Year 1937

500 N. E. 87th Street Miami, Florida
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Mayor Matthew L. Boccard
Vice-Mayor Myra W. Lowry
Councilmen: Forrest H. Bowen, Eugene W. Drody, Jr.
William Davis, Bruce F. Wilkinson and
Councilwoman: Carol D. Weil



FEBRUARY 12, 1976 • 8:00 P.M.

"PATRIOTS IN PETTICOATS" PAGEANT

Bicentennial Fashion Show, (Gowns of Yesteryear)

and

"TRIBUTE OF THE FLAGS"

Parade and History of Early American Flags

Commentated by Mrs. Forrest H. Bowen
Presented by The El Portal Womens Club
Models Members of the El Portal Womens,
Garden and Civic Clubs
Music Roy Johanson and Forrest H. Bowen



FEBRUARY 13, 1976 • 8:00 P.M.

"DISCOVERING OUR HERITAGE"

Lectures and Slides of early Miami, Little River
and Lemon City areas.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Thelma Peters, Historical Society

Music: "THE LAND OF LIBERTY" original Bicentennial Song

Music composed by Miss Evelyn Britt,
Lyrics by Mrs. Henry Anthony.*

Horticulture: Display of 200 plants commemorating
the Bicentennial.

Refreshments: Bicentennial Cake, designed and baked by
Mrs. Dwight M. Barnes.*

Presented by: The El Portal Garden Club

* Members of the El Portal Garden Club

FEBRUARY 14, 1976 • 9:30 A.M.

"TRIBUTE TO THE TEQUESTA INDIANS, NATURE AND ARTS FESTIVAL"

A Parade by Members of Council and the Clubs and Villagers to the Tequesta Indian Mound Monument located in El Portal for a presentation of bouquets and fronds; a brief History of El Portal and the introduction of the Honored Guests — the early residents of the Village of El Portal.

"A LITTLE SHOW HOW"

Demonstrations by the Garden Club
at the Village Hall

10:00 A.M. "Growing Your Own Orchids," Mr. F. Irwin
10:30 A.M. "Mementoes From The Deep," Oyster Shells
Lisa Boccard, Aileen and Vivienne Simmons
11:00 A.M. "Pin Me On," Mrs. Bert Whightman
11:30 A.M. "The Good Earth," Soil Mix — Mrs. R. W. Doble
12:00 P.M. "Growing Plant Vases," Bromeliads
Mrs. Cheryl Otis
12:30 P.M. "On The Dry Side," Cacti — Mrs. Cheryl Otis
1:00 P.M. "Old, Little and Beautiful," Bonsai
Mr. J. Jackson
1:45 P.M. "Knowing What You See" — Identification of
Landscape Plants — Mrs. R. W. Doble
2:30 P.M. "Up In The Air" — Hanging Baskets
by Mrs. A. Volger
3:00 P.M. "Danger In Hidden Beauty" — Poison Plants
by Mrs. James Eckert

16 Artistic Flower Arrangements will be on display
throughout the Village Hall during the four day Festival
Exhibits of Indian and Early American Art and Antiques.

The Children of El Portal will present an Art Display

Presented by: The El Portal Garden Club



FEBRUARY 14, 1976 • 8:00 P.M.

"SALUTE TO AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE"

An Old-fashioned Square Dance

Music Caller, Mr. R. Shellnut

Presented by The El Portal Civic Club

"Patriots in Petticoats"

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Our Womens' Club chose as its project for 1976-1977 a Bicentennial program. A program to involve as many members as possible in our Club. We planned with other clubs in our Village to coordinate our program in February, 1976, the month selected by the Mayor and Council as the time for the Bicentennial celebration of our Country's 200th Birthday.

The Club's Ways and Means Committee began working very hard to get the project ready for our Luncheon and Games Party in January to help meet the financial needs of the Club.

So here begins our almost unbelievable Report of our project "Patriots in Petticoats".

During the Summer, twenty-five women from our Club devoted much study and research renewing our knowledge about our Colonial ancestors in a determined effort to pay tribute to the brave women who helped transform the original 13 Colonies into this great United States of America. We worked hard to develop an entertaining and enlightening two-part show.

The ladies in the Show strived for authenticity in dress, each making or obtaining her costume from original designs of the Revolutionary War Period. The ladies in our show portray both known and unknown women from that era, ranging from Abigail Adams to Molly Pitcher, who worked, had children, served as spies and couriers and even