

# YACHTS LADIES CLUB

## A HISTORY OF YEARS

**1980 - 2006**

This is the second edition of  
The History of the Yachats Ladies Club  
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After celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Yachats Ladies Club in January of 1977, the members looked forward with optimism to the last quarter of the 20th century. Just as the ant in the song could move the rubber tree plant, the pioneers of the Ladies Club purchased a large building, moved said building and brought it back to life to serve the community for 50 years.

With the cooperation of the entire community and continued assistance to the fire department they were able to become a tradition in Yachats. Soon the Ladies Club became a major contributor in meeting community needs in the area as well as providing-fellowship within the group itself. Life styles had changed through the years and now many of the active members, mainly wives and mothers, had joined the public work force, some even opening their own businesses. This put a strain on the remaining members but they persevered and the club continued in its good works and provided years of help and entertainment to the residents of Yachats.

#### **1980**

In January of 1980 June Barton, the newly elected president, opened the year with 33 members present. Deep subjects, such as who should supply food for various events and who must pay for what, were tabled. Plans were made for the catering of the Anniversary dinner. The charge was to be \$5.00 a plate and attendance was limited to the members and their spouses. It was voted at this time to raise the dues to \$2.00 per year. The ladies also planned to look into the purchase of a PA system. Luckily a friend of the club donated said system, bringing much appreciation from the club members.

The anniversary dinner was prepared by the members and there were 32 people. The birthday luncheon, that year was held at the well-known Beulahs. At the spring rummage sale the club refilled their coffers to the tune of \$33.00 The picnic spot chosen was Cape Perpetua Park where the club paid a \$30 fee. Plans to have the building painted had to be put off as the furnace was giving the club trouble; also they had to buy a new fuel tank. It was a matter of first things first. The club had voted to donate \$500 to the Yachats Ambulance Fund. As usual the provider of these funds was the Christmas Bazaar which netted \$2,500.

#### **1981**

The new president for 1981 was Eileen Varley. One of her first duties as the new president was to search for proper insurance. Finally, at a cost of \$427 they obtained \$64,000 of coverage for the building. Without doubt there was a constant drain on their hard earned monies, but they had the fortitude to go out and raise funds to meet the constant requests for help.

The birthday luncheon was again held at Beulahs with a charge of \$2.95 a plate plus gratuity

The committee in charge of the table set up at the Yachats Arts and Craft show reported a net \$62 from that venture so they took this under consideration in planning for upcoming fund raisers. This didn't slow them down as they donated \$500 to the Fire Department who had joined them in a dinner to raise this amount.

The popularity of the Ladies Club pies paid off remarkably at the smelt fry when the club netted \$581 in their pie booth. This was welcome income as the floor in the clubhouse was in need of extensive refurbishing at a final cost of \$300.

### **1982**

The president for 1982 was Doris McCrea. This year the members decided to prepare their own anniversary dinner. They did the cooking and hired four girls to serve the dinner.

In February the club decided on a dinner to be held as a fund raiser for donations to the fire department and the ambulance fund. The main entree, Swiss steak, must have been a popular choice as enough money was raised to enable the club to donate \$503 to each organization.

The club was notably generous but this did not extend to the use of their new metal tables. Asking to use or rent these met with a firm "NO". They remained ensconced in the club house.

In March the members arrived for a meeting to be met by a thick cloud of smoke pouring from the door. Fortunately, the smoke came from a burned out florescent light fixture and there was no serious damage to the hall. Owning and maintaining the large building and donating to so many community needs was a costly affair. This was revealed in the \$5,764 budget of 1982. Subsequently this was raised by another \$1,000 for 1983.

For the Christmas party the top price on the small gift was placed at \$3.00. Again the club donated the hams for the Christmas baskets for the needy or those who, due to health problems, were unable to leave their homes.

### **1983**

By unanimous vote, Marjorie Hobson was elected president for 1983. The first order of business was the anniversary dinner which the lady members cooked again this year. They held back on the help and hired only 3 girls as waitresses. On February 9th, it was announced at the meeting that there was a destitute family in Yachats so the ladies then and there took up a collection and donated \$185 to pay the family's bills. This was a typical gesture for the fine ladies who answered the call for help many times each year.

The March rummage sale netted a respectable \$400, which was directed to the repair of the restroom floors. After last year's success at the Smelt Fry with their pie sales they were confident that they could easily refill the coffers. The Fruit cake sales had proved less then profitable so were tabled for the time being. In the fall, the furnace kicked up again and required \$358 in repairs.

### **1984**

When the new president, Sam Larkin was installed in 1984 she was met with an empty fuel tank in a harsh mid winter. Luckily, a generous friend of the club heard the problem and donated a tank and 100 gallons of fuel to the club. This served as proof that the ladies had won the respect of the community and the club was very grateful.

This year the Anniversary dinner was catered by LeRoys at \$3.00 per person; such a reasonable price for a roast beef dinner. The guests paid \$3.00 and the club picked up the rest of the cost. PHIL STANFIELD, who had been a member since 1929 was honored at the dinner with all past presidents.

The ingenious ladies were clever about new ways to raise money. In March they held a white elephant, bazaar and baked good sale and netted \$1,000. Extra activities, such as card parties and events by the Lions Club brought in more funds. Evidently the ladies knew how to raise money and where to spend it.

Their last event of 1984 was a joint benefit with the Lions Club which raised \$1,044 to be used for E.M.T. and C.P.R. training.

The Ladies Club had a handyman named Ray who did repair work and also came running when there were chairs and tables to be set up or the steps and doors needed attention. After their successful \$2,102 return from the Christmas Bazaar they presented him with a \$100 bonus and grateful thank you.

Evidently the ladies' singing needed improvement as the prospective honorees were willing to pay \$1.00 in to the club treasury to prevent the birthday serenade from taking place.

### **1985**

In 1985 Sam Larkin had proven to be such a successful leader that she was unanimously elected for the New Year. At the first meeting it was suggested that the by-laws be printed up and passed out at the meeting so that the members could become better acquainted with the operation and obligation of the club. On reading the ensuing minutes there was no record of this being done.

For the anniversary dinner the bids from the Job Corps were voted on and accepted. The members would pay \$3.00 with the club paying the balance on the meal. Husbands and boy friends would pay club price but a third party would pay the full cost. At the dinner Phil Stonefield was honored as a 58 year member and Eloise Canfield for 40 years membership.

Attendance at the weekly meetings was dropping with only 25 to 30 persons present where earlier there were about 40 to 50 at each meeting. The annual birthday luncheon was held at Beulahs again with 26 in attendance. President Larkin received permission to put the cracked blue plates in the spring rummage sale.

Bids on the repair of the windows and siding were either too high or too low. The contractor finally did a good job on the repairs at a cost to the club of \$3,095. Husbands of the ladies praised them for their business knowledge and congratulated them at the bargain they received.

Money was a driving force at the club as, in their zeal, their generosity sometimes over-ran the income. So they planned a dinner for the Shriners, a spaghetti dinner, another rummage sale and the usual Christmas Bazaar. One wonders that they had any time for a social life, but the records show that there were card parties, luncheons and a variety of entertainments.

Late in 1985 the club voted to allow private party renters to serve alcoholic drinks. The renters would take on responsibility and pay a deposit of \$35 for cleanup.

The Christmas bazaar was an exceptional success this year and took in \$3,096. After the cost of repairing the siding and windows, this was a welcome windfall. The Christmas party was prepared by the members with donations of a turkey by Alice Beasley.

The roasting of said turkey was placed in the hands of Gladys Emery. Twenty five people attended the dinner. As each member brought a Christmas specialty to the dinner it was an enjoyable time.

This year the club donated 12 hams for the Christmas baskets for the needy and home-bound. It was decided to have a New Year's party with the members bringing light refreshments.

### **1986**

The new president for 1986 was Vivian Henson. The club was able to set up a building fund by transferring \$1,000 from the checking account and thus meeting the requirements demanded by the IRS to avoid paying income tax.

The anniversary was well attended with 60 people present. The cost was \$4.74 with the club paying \$1.75 as its payment for costs over the \$4.00 per person cost to the members. With the high cost of heating the building and the furnace needing repairs, the members considered the plausibility of installing electric heat. It didn't happen.

Charlie Canfield, the club's resident fixer-upper, installed a new front door. As another fund raiser

the club voted to have a spaghetti dinner in conjunction with an Arts and Crafts Show; an added incentive for a dinner was 12 pies to be sold there.

The fire department had a demonstration on the use of soy meal and its varied uses to supplement other foods. After the taste test the idea of selling it as a fund raiser had to be reconsidered....so it was tabled?

Another goodie happened when Lou Weins donated \$200 to refinish the floors and Rick Springsteen offered to paint the clubhouse, with the club furnishing the paint. With the \$445 repair job on the roof spending had to be curtailed for the rest of the year. The \$45 cleared by the Friday night card party was welcome but just a drop in the bucket as expenses went. However, the Christmas Bazaar netted a healthy \$2,508.

### **1987**

As the club entered its 60th year it was without a presidential candidate so it was voted to have the board of trustees alternate as presiding officers at the meetings. Taking the pattern from the first meeting in 1927 the club chose to have a potluck with each person bringing their own silverware and plates. 55 people liked the idea well enough to attend the novel dinner.

The ladies began to assemble to sell for the bazaar in December, meeting each Wednesday morning at ten o'clock to work on a series of projects. Non-sewers were urged to come and help cut, and stuff. Edna Marie Thorne was the driving force behind the workshops and continued to be an avid producer of crafts, especially in knitted items.

In March of 1987 the club invested in a much needed dishwasher at a cost of \$1,891. The party who sold the club the dishwasher came to demonstrate its operation so that all the members would know how to properly use it.

A group of ladies, known as the Sweat Hogs, turned \$735 over to the club. This was money collected in pennies and dimes for weight lost or gained in their group. With the \$635 earned at the spring rummage sale the finances looked a bit healthier.

To replenish the building fund it was recommended that the dues be raised to \$5.00 starting in January 1988. The ladies took on another task of stuffing newspapers and earned \$50 for 2 hours of work 2 days a month.

The club was able to produce the loan of a Jeep for their part in the 1988 Waldport Beachcombers Parade and the most daring decked out old-fashioned bathing suits and took 2nd place in the parade.

The ladies had been stuffing papers all summer and in October reported earnings of \$841.00 all this and the fun they had doing it. It was considered not to rent the hall any more because the insurance could cost more than the club made on rentals. Renting to members would be continued. Jean Dotson reminded the members that when a vote has been passed by the members that everyone honor it. Secretary, Vivian Henson, worried that the ladies singing of 'Happy Birthday' wasn't improving as so many members were ill or house bound and could not attend the meetings. At this time Rae Mertz, Phil Stanfield and Marge Howard were made honorary members as they could no longer attend meetings.

### **1988**

Gloria Baehr was the new president for 1988. The 1987 Christmas Bazaar netted a healthy \$2,035. Again the club discussed renting club equipment and it was voted not to rent out the pie keeper, coffee pots and other items already on the list. The club had ended the year with a combined total of \$6,070 for kitchen, building fund and checking account.

In January of 1988 the members voted to discontinue club meetings for the months of June, July and August. Also in January the furnace acted up again, but a cleaning of a long neglected filter helped a great deal. The fireplace was deteriorating so much that Charles Canfield was hired to remove it, thus eliminating the loss of heat through the chimney.

To prevent a possible problem with a sticky fingered future treasure it was voted a have 2 signatures on each check. They had seen reports on the news which forced this decision, though they could not foresee such a problem at this time.

A style show planned for early April had to be moved twice and finally May 4th was selected for the date. A cardboard hat hung with silver dollars and fashioned by Norma Beyer and Alice Stein was offered in a drawing for the show.

To remind members that club business is confined to the building a sign was posted reading: "What you see here, what you hear here. when you leave here, let it stay here". All members present were advised to read and remember it.

In April the furnace was replaced and a sigh of relief was echoed by everyone. The club was still stuffing papers and this month they received \$300 for three sessions of work.

The high tea style show was a success and a crowd pleaser. The club netted \$1,400 on the show and the sales on the silver dollar hat. The people who modeled at the style show also rode in the boat which was the club's entry in the Waldport Beachcomber Parade.

In the fall of 1988 the club met with a serious dilemma. The building was in need of extensive repairs. The roof needed to be replaced, the footings had rot and the walls and bracing of the whole building needed to be replaced. After an engineer charged them \$250 to tell the club all was not well, in fact, all was terrible, the club decided to have Mr. Canfield do repairs as best he could. Some members felt that it was wasted effort to repair the old building and even looked to ways of getting a new building, but the club couldn't qualify for a loan. Eventually the basic repairs were done at a cost of \$2,881.

With all that expense the club still was able to contribute \$250 toward the new Senior Center to be built in Waldport. The center will serve all the South Lincoln County with low cost meals and companionship.

### **1989**

President Gloria Baehr was forced to relinquish her position as president due to health problems. Alice Stein finished out her term and was duly elected president in 1989.

January of 1989 came in with a rare period of cold weather and snow, which put such a strain on the furnace that there was a \$78 repair bill this month. The cold kept the attendance at the Feb. 9th meeting down to 13 brave souls.

The members were soon busy planning fund raisers for the year along with their birthday and anniversary dinners. Bob Saelens volunteered to cook the birthday dinner and his offer was gratefully accepted. Plans were then directed toward a fashion show and high tea. It was suggested that 'Maypole' be the theme. The organ which had been donated to the club and delivered therewith would be used at last. Evidently the tea was a success as the club cleared \$815 that day.

In 1988 the ladies had baked 92 pies for the Smelt Fry and had exhausted their supply by noon. This year they went looking at 130 pies. The Yachats Ladies pies were well known by the community. The report in August showed 140 and 544 cups of coffee bringing in \$1,012. It couldn't have come at a better time as the new roof cost \$3,700.

### **1990**

After an open house to recruit new members Naome de Vere, Betty Dunn and Marie Jelen were sworn in to the club. Many of the 1989 officers were called back into service as attendance was low and volunteers reluctant to run for office. Consequently Jean Dotson would serve for the first 6 months as which time Vivian Armstrong would take over.

When they planned the fashion show in 1989 they included a raffle on a glitzy hat which made \$160 of the \$963 profit for the event. Of course, a man won the drawing. Because the club received so many requests for donations, it was decided that the requests would be on the bulletin board and the members could choose individually if they wished to donate.

At this time, Jean Dotson was given the task of determining how the club was situated regarding income tax as they received a notice that they owed the IRS \$500. Jean supplied information about the club's expenses and budget so the tax was \$150. As the club had never applied for a tax-free status it was forced to pass a letter of dissolution noting how the club would function if the members were to disband the club.

The regular stalwarts, Bob Saelens and Zeke Dotson, undertook the unpleasant job of crawling under the clubhouse to examine timbers and plumbing. They reported not too much damage and were able to straighten timbers which had shifted and then suggested that plastic be placed under the building as a vapor barrier, which would help in the heating bill.

### 1991

Penny Smith was elected president for 1991, while Alice Stein, vice-president filled in as secretary due to the illness of Alice Beasley. In January a meeting was held to discuss and eventually pass Article 5, dissolution. Section 1 amending the constitution of the Yachats Ladies Club. All of Jean Dotson's work had produced results in the tax situation; also, the club now had a tax-free number!

This was the first mention of the Anniversary dinner silly gift exchange wherein the recipients of gifts could 'steal' another's gift. It is a regular part of the dinner program, and is enjoyed by all. The good ladies liked their own cooking so well that they cooked their anniversary dinner again.

Plans for a raffle met up with a snag as the various papers would not print any ads which mentioned a raffle. They then went to work on plans for the sausage booth at Waldport's Beachcomber days, which had been a good money raiser for years. Rhea Ryman was chosen as chairman for the fashion show which had the theme "May Day" and was held on May 15th....minus the high tea.

Another problem arose when Lincoln County questioned the property tax privilege the club now enjoyed. The appraiser had decided that the taxable value of the club was \$51,760. Tongue in cheek, the assessor suggested the club install a soup kitchen in front of the building if they wished tax-free status. Jean Dotson hit a brick wall time after time as she tried to work with state bureaucracy.

In September Betty Dunn took over the club presidency. The treasurer noted that the club had cleared \$829 at their sausage booth at Beachcomber Days. The new president was met with the woes bestowed on all club presidents; this time it was the refrigerator. It just plain blew. They were given a free replacement by the Lions Club thrift shop. The club's neighbors to the east resented the club removing the tree branches which brushed against the clubhouse during storms. There were enough new developments to keep the ladies busy, as the attendance at the club had dropped to 15 or 20 members each week.

The bazaar in early December netted the club \$1,640 which allowed the club to help on the Christmas baskets again and to hold a potluck Christmas dinner for those who were alone on Christmas Day.

### 1992

Betty Dunn was re-elected president in 1992. Two new members were welcomed this month. Agnes Daley and Betty Miller. Many of the members were taking advantage of the yoga classes being held at the club. It was reported that 20 people attended the anniversary dinner on January 29. In January of 1992 Gladys Emery, who had been very active in the club, was given a going-away party as she moved to Prineville. 45 people came to the luncheon to show their appreciation for jobs well done.

On March 4th the birthday luncheon was held at Bayshore with 23 ladies attending. Another project was put to the members. Plans were in the works for a senior center and meal site in Waldport. As the entire south county was involved in raising funds. Judy Taylor, who was the prime leader for this area urged the club to participate.

At the same time the Little Log Church, the scene of many weddings, was in danger of being torn down, so the club stepped in and opted for input in preserving it. Once again the club used the Smelt Fry and Beachcomber parade to raise needed monies. They continued to hold bake sales often for the Little Church Fund. They learned that they raised \$875 at the sausage booth that summer and \$549 at the

Smelt Fry.

The birthday lunch was held at Bayshore in June this year. Lunch prices had risen; now the ladies paid \$5.00 plus a \$2.50 gratuity, but they appreciated the lovely lunch. The attendance at meetings had dropped to about 15 to 20 members, but these eager beavers went ahead with plans for fund raising for the Little Log Church and Beachcomber days in Waldport. They hoped to repeat their former successes with their sausage special.

Bob Salens and Zeke Dotson were called on again and again for repairs at the club, and the ladies were forever grateful for the help. The budget report for the year showed an income of \$5,689 and expenses of \$4,356. A part of the expenses listed a \$70 mop bucket, which was guaranteed for 3 years!

A boutique was opened in May at which the members could sell handmade items; the proceeds going to the Log Church fund. This year it was decided that the club would have 2 potluck luncheons along with the annual picnic during the 3 months that the club does not have meetings. Betty Miller became a new member this year. The club donated \$333 from the bake sale to the Little Log Church. The club made \$594 at the Smelt Fry and \$875 in their sausage venture at the Beachcomber Days in Waldport.

The Picnic was held at Keller Park with 21 people attending. During the summer the days planned for projects and pot lucks provided to be a success; one of their projects was a quilt.

For some time the club had been having trouble with the tile floor and it was finally voted in September of 1992 that carpet be installed. After replacing missed or broken tiles the rug was laid on October 12. With the installation of new carpet a vacuum cleaner had to be purchased. The rummage sale brought in \$610 and the club's pie sale earned \$300 for the new Senior Center fund.

The bazaar cleared \$1,707 in December and the lovely quilt earned \$99. Card parties, under the guidance of Mary Kush, continued adding funds to the treasury. Two members at this time were Julie MacDougal and Elsie Tucker. As many of the older people were unable to carry on with all of the clubs demands, the new members received a heartfelt welcome.

### **1993**

Evidently Betty Dunn had done an excellent job as president as they drafted her for 1993. The ladies were asked to serve as hostess for the opening of the new National Security Bank. For their job well-done they received \$750. The club ladies made it a fine affair with fancy cookies and dainty sandwiches, all displayed on Edna Marie Thorn's silver service.

In September of 1993 all of Jean Dotson's long hard struggle with the tax departments came to fruition. The club was granted a tax-free status as a non-profit organization. Jean was given a standing ovation from the members as the verdict was read. Only by reading the minutes of meetings or, actually being there at the time, could one grasp the effort she put into this. Consequently, the county returned taxes from 1991 through 1993 in the amount of \$1,442. The tax exemption was granted through House Bill #3026 which Stan Dunn and Hedy Hijken pressed to passage.

The club was still on uneasy footing as it took considerable funds to keep the building in repair and still expend 80% of the profits from the fund raising to the obligations the club had in the community. Discussions were held as to the disposal of the property should the club fold. It was tabled for later meetings.

When compared to the ups and downs of previous times, 1993 was a quiet year. The anniversary dinner and birthday lunch were held as usual along with pie sales. Christmas baskets of food were sent to needy families and shut-ins. The club also provided refreshments to 64 guests who attended Christmas in Yachats.

### **1994**

The new president for 1994 was the often re-elected Betty Dunn. As the rededication of the Little Log Church drew near the ladies were asked to be hostesses for the event and served treats to 200 people



on March 12, 1994.

The bazaar in December had cleared \$609, which was a good return as the attendance at meetings had dropped to 10 to 12 each week, a hard working group but limited in what they could hope to raise in the way of funds. Because of lack of interest, a flea market which had been planned was cancelled.

The raffle for the quilt which the ladies, Alice Stein, Lola Kraus, Maggie Schultz and Betty Dunn, especially, had worked so hard selling tickets for and the club had spent long hours fashioning gained them \$314.

As club membership was failing the club was happy to welcome Chickie Aievail and Vivian Toepfer as new members this year. The club purchased 4 bench kits to be assembled and donated to the Yachats Commons playground.

The Christmas bazaar earned \$1382 in December. This enabled the club to give \$100 to the South Lincoln County Resources, one of their regular recipients of help.

### **1995**

The nominating committee presented the slate of; Pres. Betty Dunn, V.Pres. Betty Miller, Treas. Mary Kush, and Sec. Esther Taves. They were duly elected as officers for 1995.

The club voted to change their policy of not renting the building and decided on a fee of \$50 for 3 hours and \$15 for each additional hour and \$20 for using the kitchen for 3 hours. All accounts to be paid one half on day of reservation. Fortunately there was demand for use of the hall and there were many rentals that year. At this time the club donated \$350 to the Ambulance fund. A new fund raiser, the Easter bazaar, raised a welcome \$548.

Instead of the monthly potluck the ladies decided to go out for lunch on the regular potluck day. Perhaps they had tasted everyone's favorite recipes by that time as they had enjoyed them for so many years. By choosing a different restaurant each month they were able to sample different food from varied nationalities.

It was unanimously voted to raise the dues to \$10 per year. The fall rummage sale was a success with \$1415 net profit. The 69th anniversary dinner was a pot luck at the clubhouse. Four new members joined the club at this time: Judy Grist D'Ville, Anastasia, Anne Layton and Beverly Despain.

After a respite, of sorts, from building repair other than the cap blown off the chimney and minor furnace repairs, it was quiet. The process of raising and donating money never changed, however.

### **1996**

The nominating committee proposed the slate of last year's officers to be the new officers for the year 1996, so Betty Dunn was the 'new' president. Evidently the members felt that she had the practice and know-how for the job.

At the 69th anniversary dinner the guests were entertained by Jim and Judy Grist D'Ville and Phil Shuster. In April Ollie Ward had a successful moving sale in the hall. Her last meeting before leaving for Vancouver was May 8th, at which time the club presented her with a plaque making her a lifetime member. Long after she moved Ollie supplied her famous pot scrubbers which continue to be sold at the Christmas bazaar.

Members spent the summer attending a garden party given by Anastasia and the annual picnic at Keller Park. It was announced that Deltie Stokes had had a stroke and Dorothy Nagle had lost the tips of two fingers after a misunderstanding with a lawn mower.

With the fall rummage sales bringing in \$860 and the Christmas bazaar netting another \$1,134 the club was solvent again.

## 1997

1997 came in with a crash as re-elected president, Betty Dunn, reported one tree fell on the club and another on the wires. The power company removed the offending trees and limbs. Zeke Dotson and Ed Hoen discovered two holes in the roof and made necessary repairs. Luckily the club's insurance covered major repairs.

Charter member Sarah Railsbach passed away on January 10th of 1997. Twenty six people attended the 70th annual anniversary dinner. Dave at the Town Center Cafe catered the dinner.

On February 19 a potluck dinner with a Valentine theme was held as part of the New Members drive. Six prospective new members attended and as a result Sharon Sinclair, Blythe Niskanen, Florence Whitney and Cornelia Lovejoy became members.

Ollie Ward's 100th birthday celebration was held in March with a St.Patrick's Day theme. The public was invited to the potluck and a good time was reported by all.

Maintaining the building proved costly again as the oil tank had to be replaced and painted...the cost \$425. That proved again that it isn't cheap owning your own building. The fall rummage sale netted \$615 which left little after paying for the tank.

The birthday luncheon was held on April 2nd at the Adobe; the rummage sale on April 26 and the annual garden tour at Janice and Jim Gerdeman's was on a sunny April 30th. In October Jean and Zeke Dotson purchased a new door for the east side of the building and Richard Springsteen installed it. At the bazaar in December Beverly Despain manned a new member table with an offering of free pie and coffee to anyone who signed up.

## 1998

In 1998 President, Betty Dunn ushered in the new year. She and the other officers were duly re-elected for the 4th year; Betty Miller, vice pres., Mary Kush, treasurer, and Esther Clarke, secretary. A benefit dinner was held for Matthew Shuster in February and the club raised \$2,949, another example of the club's helping where the need is greatest.

The 1998 birthday luncheon was held at Driftwood Shores. The spring rummage sale brought in \$793, for a partial refurbishing of the budget.

In the fall the Fire Department held a meeting to explain a ballot measure of concern to them; AARP gave a presentation on Social Security changes and a candidate's fair was held at the clubhouse.

The building was power washed, painted and given miscellaneous repairs by Zeke and Mel at a total cost of \$820. A grateful Ladies Club put a 'thank you' notice in the paper to show their appreciation. A generous donation from Dick and Vivian Armstrong made it possible to repair the rest room floor, with Dick doing the work.

The fall rummage sale netted \$946 and the Christmas Bazaar brought in \$1,475. Again the club provided refreshments for the Christmas in Yachats fete.

## 1999

1999 started with Betty Dunn and her stalwart officers being re-elected. The Anniversary dinner took place in January. In February a Valentines theme 'New Member' dinner was offered with 15 ladies joining the club. Beverly Despain was given a 'Thank You' for all her successful work. Eloise Canfield and Deltie Strokes were honored by being proclaimed and promoted to Lifetime members as of the 1999 club year.

The rummage sale earned \$950 and the leftover items were donated to the Seventh Day Adventist for their annual giveaway program.

At this time the PUD informed the club that a new electrical service system was badly needed. They cited that a new pole must go in ASAP. Betty met with Dave Johnston who quoted a figure of \$500 to

do the club's portion of the new service.

A TV and 4-head VCR were purchased with the idea that the members could hold exercise classes and it would be possible to show movies after the meetings. Unfortunately, nothing transpired as planned and the club now has a like-new TV set and VCR.

For the first time the club participated in the 4th of July La De Dah parade. The club marched in the parade and then proceeded to the club house for cookies, pie and ice cream. Thus the pie and ice cream social was born.

To advertise the club events a bulletin board was installed on the front of the hall.

The Ladies Club became a member of the Yachats Chamber of Commerce this year.

Edna Marie, one of the early members of the club, and her husband Stan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The rummage sale and the Christmas bazaar raised a combined total of \$3,100. It was a very good year!

## **2000**

In January of 2000 Florence Whitney was elected president. Her reign started with no water in the ladies restroom, an unpleasant reminder of things to come. The party who did the repairs was given a chef's knife in lieu of cash.

The 73rd anniversary dinner was a gourmet affair catered by Heidi Chester of "In the Knight's Kitchen", who served Lemon turkey and roasted red potatoes, followed by chocolate raspberry bundt cake.

A complete new slate of officers started the year 2000. Along with President, Florence Whitney was vice pres. Beverly Despain, Treasurer Betty Dunn and Secretary Jodi Sones. Beverly Despain planned and organized a dinner in January which netted 3 new members: Nina Toepfer, Margie Laur and Agnes Marchant. On a sad note, Betty Dunn's mother passed away in August.

The insurance was paid at a cost of \$578. More was to come as the supposedly 'new' furnace which the club had bought 12 years earlier was really 18 years old by then. So. at a cost of \$2,500, the club bought a new furnace. Due to the dirt and dust in the hall from the removal of the old and installing of the new furnace the clubhouse needed a complete commercial type cleaning. Luckily it cost the members only a \$250 deductible on a \$2,175 cleaning bill. With so much carpet area it was deemed a bargain.

Rummage shoppers found many bargains at the spring rummage sale and the club made \$1,071. Soon after that there was High Tea and fashion show bringing in \$831 which was donated to the fire department to help allay the cost of a new defibrillator.

The year 2000 was also the first year that the ladies had a pie and ice cream social on both Memorial Day and the Labor Day. The pie sales made \$290 and \$264 respectively. Again the ladies donned their most gorgeous hats and marched in the Lah De Dah parade, passing out homemade cookies to lure the parade watchers to the pie social which made \$632.

The club went into full swing in the fall and raised \$889 at the fall rummage sale and an astounding \$2,351 at the Christmas Bazaar. The year ended with the Christmas party and the Winter in Yachats celebration where the club provided refreshments and the Sweet Adelines performed.

## **2001**

With the coming of the New Year the nominating committee finally came up with a reluctant slate of new officers. Florence Whitney offered to serve one more year as club president. Beverly Despain was selected as vice-president. Yvonne Wulff as secretary and Betty Dunn as treasurer completed the officer list. Finding volunteers to run the office became harder each year. Thankfully, many of the members served again and again.

On the 31st of January a dinner was held for spouses and children of the members. The new meeting schedule called for a potluck luncheon on the first Wednesday of the month with the club meetings being held on the **remaining** Wednesdays. It was agreed that the club-house would be for rent for birthdays, receptions and family gatherings.

Once again the question of adequate insurance arose. The ladies voted to raise the insurance coverage to \$173,000.

Florence appointed the new committee chairmen: Betty Dunn rummage sales, Betty Miller, name tags, Violet Young, publicity, Marie Jelen, historian. Betty Jenness and Esther Clark, dining room, Alice Stein and Betty Miller, auditors, Florence and Jean O'Hearn would continue as poster and sign producers. Sharon Sinclair continued as Secret Sister overseer.

Interest really began to grow around the Diamond Anniversary celebration set for January 2002. Betty Jenness was placed in charge of the dinner arrangements. In March the yearly birthday lunch was held at Lovejoys in Florence with the usual gift exchange and the revealing of one's secret sister.

Judith Macdonald thanked the club for the \$500 donation for the new health clinic in Yachats and the club voted another \$100 towards the firemen's fireworks fund.

Kate Brown reported on the proposal to offer a \$500 scholarship to the Waldport girl graduate who is interested in a career in health care or teaching. As it was too late to qualify for this year Florence appointed a committee of Kate Brown, Janice Gerdeman and Yvonne Wulff to gather more details on the action.

As Cornelia Lovejoy and Jodie Sones were unable to serve as trustees, the board of trustees consisted of Judith MacDonald, Jane Harrell, Agnes Marchant and Betty Jenness.

Kate announced that the scholarship would be handled most favorably through the Lincoln County Foundation which has all the information applicable to requirements from both the student and the donee.

In May sad news hit the club. Beverly Despain's husband had been fatally injured in a car accident in Waldport. Beverly and Gail had always been active in the community and were known for their help and generosity. Flowers were sent in consolation by the club.

The new cart arrived for the chairs, which helped in clearing space for activities and much neater clubhouse.

Betty Jenness and Truth Sickles put out a call for at least 20 pies for the July 4th pie and ice cream social. This proved to be an inadequate supply as they were all gone 2 hours before the advertised time of 3 p.m.

As all of the Forest Parks are now charging fees for day use the ladies decided to take Agnes up on the offer to hold the annual summer picnic at her place. The weather was very cooperative and 40 people took part in food and fun.

After the 3 month summer recess the ladies returned to be told by Betty Dunn that the Christmas bazaar was coming up and members were urged to continue on handiwork projects now. She also presented the bad news that the plumbing was still under par.

Beverly brought up the idea of a tour of Christmas decorated homes to raise money. The club thought this a novel project and voted to have the tour on December 20th. It was planned for participants to meet at the clubhouse for light refreshments prior to the tour. Receipts of this venture, \$480 was given to the health clinic.

The bathroom repairs cost \$695, a bit less than had been anticipated. The plumbing still had a few glitches. Betty Dunn made a motion that the cost of the plumbing be moved into the building fund.

In November it was decided to build gingerbread houses and trains for sale at the bazaar. Blythe

Niskanen offered to cook lunch for the rummage sale. The sale this fall netted \$1,370. At this time the club gave \$200 donation to the South Lincoln Resources which had done remarkable work in the area in helping needy families.

The members prepared for the bazaar in the cold, dark building as the power was out in the area. Betty Jenness gave a report on the anniversary dinner and it was agreed to have the Job Corps cater the dinner at a cost of \$8 per plate.

In spite of the weather the Christmas bazaar netted \$1,677. Good news as there was more work on the plumbing and the recalcitrant dishwasher began to fight back, taking a layout of \$369 more dollars.

Sue Ann Bradley approached the club with the idea of gathering donations from various businesses in the surrounding community, gifts to be presented at the anniversary dinner. Betty Jenness and Agnes Marchant volunteered to help her.

The Christmas tour of homes proved successful and the club was able to donate \$480 to the Yachats Clinic. Several of the members acted as hostesses in the 9 homes which the good people opened for our enjoyment.

When some of the ladies visited the Heceta Head lighthouse, the cookies looked familiar, which well they should; they were our Christmas leftovers from the Yachats Christmas celebration.

The intensive canvassing of the community provided a pleasant surprise. Each of the members who attended the dinner was guaranteed a fine gift, from paintings to glass floats, and salon certificates. The diamond ring which Sue had received from Diamonds By The Sea was won by Blythe Niskanen.

The decorations in yellow and green were arranged by Beverly and Agnes with Agnes supplying miniature models of her prize winning candles. A beautiful arrangement of flowers donated by Waldport florists decorated the head table. Florence presented each of the ladies a beautiful anniversary key chain. All of the 68 members and guests present felt that they had been in attendance at a very special Occasion. Not many women's clubs could boast an unbroken record of 75 years and very few could say the club owned its own building.

## 2002

Betty Dunn was called back and duly elected president for 2002. The other officers that were installed at the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Betty Jenness, Co – treasurers Sue Ann Bradley and Lee Delco and Yvonne Wulff continued the Secretary duties.

The ladies approached the new century with optimism as their coffers were showing a healthy rebound. They were still basking in the results of their beautiful Diamond anniversary dinner. This event, with its exchange of outrageous gifts, is one of the highlights of the year for the club. Sue Ann Bradley and crew had received a generous response from area businesses and each lady who attended the dinner received a fine gift. What a birthday!

Sara-Young Valdivieso became a member and our cleaning lady. Truth Sickles was also added to the rolls.

The Club lost two members at the beginning of 2002. Ollie Ward, a long time and dearly loved member, passed away in Vancouver, Wa. She was the one who crocheted so many pot scrubbers for bazaars. Lifetime member Delta Stokes passed away on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Stokes family donated many items for the upcoming rummage sale.

The Yachats Health Clinic sent the club a heartfelt 'thank you' for the \$485 donation.

The club voted to extend a life time membership to Maggie Schultz.

The trustees are still in deep water over the dishwasher... can't get the soap to dissolve.

Jean Dotson informed the members, that as the club has tax free status, it cannot vote on

applicants who want to join the club. As of February 27, 2002, we will discontinue the practice of voting on new members.

The birthday luncheon was well attended and held at Shirley's in Newport. For the rummage sale Florence Whitney, Beryl Johnson and Esther Clarke will take over the kitchen duties.

Two members left the club because they moved away. The club was sad to see Beverly Despain and Lou Rhodes leave.

Angie Parcel, Connie Kohlruss and Alice Ash were welcomed as new members.

The scholarship committee is securing applicants from any Waldport girl grad who plans to go into teaching or medicine. Florence Whitney moved that we set aside \$500 from the rummage sale for this purpose. The club voted to include home-schooled graduates and those who completed their GED to apply for the scholarship. The rummage sale had netted \$1,179.

During the problem era with the plumbing and the dishwasher the water bill soared. After a request for reimbursement was made the city sent the club a check for \$585 which was deposited in the building fund. The club reciprocated by donating \$100 to the fireworks fund.

As those who came before had found, maintaining and operating a building is expensive. Now a new stove was necessary and Betty Dunn found a replacement for \$269, with a guarantee!

Agnes Marchant received the logo from Florence Whitney and assembled the promised anniversary buttons.

Annette Howarth, Clarie Good and Zira Kahl were sworn in as new members and welcomed to the club.

There was a question about the thin fillings in our pies, so it was suggested we be more generous if we wanted our pie reputation to remain intact. Pies had become a fine moneymaker. The pie socials were the meeting hub for many old friends and new ones.

With all work and no play, dullness sets in so this year the ladies spent a delightful afternoon visiting a llama farm up the Alsea River.

When the meetings resumed in September Jean Dotson took over the role of secretary at the resignation of Yvonne Wulff. To achieve a neater record of the minutes it was decided all minutes would be typewritten. A recorder would be used at all meetings to facilitate typing. Anyone wishing to speak would identify herself at the microphone. The outlay for the three summer months was \$1,154 but was covered in earnings from the three pie socials with \$200 left over.

Plans were made for the rummage sale in October and a request was put out for donations from the public. At this time arrangements were discussed for the program and refreshments for the Opening of Christmas in Yachats event which starts at the Little Log Church and ends at the clubhouse. The Sweet Adelines were considered for the program. As sole provider the club will limit treats to cookies and beverages.

When Truth Sickles suggested a planter box for the front of the building, Rotha Lampman, she of the beautiful yard across from the clubhouse, offered flowers for the display. Sandy and Richard Canova gave the building a good cleaning before painting it yellow with soft green trim...what a difference and what a donation. They received a dinner at the Adobe.

Will Reed helped the ladies with their stuffed animal project. It was to have been a money making project but many of the pet makers could not part with their newly-acquired animals.

Plans were being made for the Christmas Tour of Homes. Sue Ann Bradley contacted Bernie Church who promised to drive the guests to the decorated homes in exchange for a gift to the Kidswim. A committee of Sue, Chairman, Truth Sickles, Lee Delco, Agnes Marchant and Florence Whitney was appointed for the tour.

Florence Whitney learned how the League of Women voters conducted their forum and Edna Marie Thorn and Truth Sickles offered to assist with the upcoming event at the club.

The nurse practitioner from the Yachats Clinic explained their operation and advantages of their health care.

The rummage made the club \$1,013.

Alice Ash's daughter, Jan Fields joined the club.

The bushes on the eastern and southern sides of the property were in dire need of pruning. The neighbors to the south wanted to build a shed so the overhanging bushes needed removal. It was decided to have them cut to the ground and then trimmed yearly. Betty explained that they must be hauled away, also. The trouble with the water line was an ongoing thing and a plumber was called in to remedy the leak. Such is life at the club.

Attendance at the meetings had risen to 18 to 20 per meeting compared to an 11 to 13 earlier. Sue Ann Bradley continued on plans for the Christmas Tour of Homes and had a list of 9 decorated homes.

The problem with the neighbor's tree overhanging the club house continued. He would not allow the club to cut off any branches. Consequently one branch broke and fell through the roof.

The club increased their annual donation to \$250 for South Lincoln Resources.

Florence Whitney suggested that the members pay for their lunches at our money raising events. Some had taken advantage of the free lunch and pie and had 3 pieces of pie. She reminded the members that this defeated our aim, making money for our donations. Truth Sickles made a motion that we pay for our lunches and it passed.

Florence Whitney reported that a former member, Helen Oxley, had passed away in Nevada. She had been active in the club for many years and was a regular volunteer at the library.

Sue Ann Bradley reported on the Christmas Tour of Homes. Because of the beastly weather the night of the tour, attendance was low. Sue Ann reported ticket sales of \$185 and donations of \$200. This amount went toward the scholarship fund. Several ladies served as host at the various homes; included were Betty Jenness and her sister Merribeth, Connie Kohlruss, Yvonne Wulff, Betty Dunn and Agnes Marchant. Sue Ann hosted the guests at the club.

The bazaar, along with the tour gleaned \$2,488. The drawing for the ceramic angel, made by Jan Fields, was won by Les Beard. This probably made a nice gift for some lady. The leading money makers at the bazaar were linens, kitchen, bakery, knitting and horn of plenty.

The club was invaded by gremlins as four juveniles attempted to set fire to the building. After discussing this with the fire department the club decided to leave the solution to the parents and fire department. Two of the culprits wrote letters of apology.

Bert Harley, a retired surveyor, was able to supply three corners on the property, but the brush was too dense to find the southeast corner. As the club needed improved wiring the PUD stated they would take up the issue as a new pole had to be installed.

### **2003**

The slate of officers for 2003 was installed at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. They were: Betty Jenness, President, Yvonne Wulff, Vice President, Connie Kohlruss, Secretary and Lee Delco and Sue Ann Bradley, Treasurer's.

This new group inherited all the plumbing problems including dripping faucets and a \$1,000 insurance bill.

Florence Whitney request that fewer people go into the kitchen while serving is going on seemed to be the answer to the crowds in the limited space.

Betty Jenness announced that the Job Corps will cater the annual Anniversary Dinner: Choice of prime rib or chicken. The usual gag gift exchange will take place.

Amelia Jesinghaus and Sharon Armstrong were sworn in as our newest members in January and Carolyn West joined the club in February.

The club added \$500 from the Christmas Tour of Homes to the original \$500 already pledged to bring the scholarship fund, with interest, to \$1,018.

A Mexican dinner was planned for March 5, the club dinners are very popular with the local people and are well patronized. The rummages sale is set for March 22. Marie Jelen and Agnes Marchant had suggestions for the birthday luncheon and the club voted for the Firehouse in Florence.

The Mexican dinner brought in \$565 prior to expenses. The rummage sale netted \$1,101 with the kitchen having the largest profit, \$339. Linens and household articles were favorites, also.

The PUD informed us that they would not charge the club for the new meter. They also agreed to consult with our electrician to inform him of what is required in the installation.

Connie Kohlruss resigned her position as secretary as she is going to work full time at the Job Corps. One of our newest members, Carolyn West volunteered to take over the duties. Zira Kahl volunteered for the needed caller position. E-mail addresses were being listed for better communication.

Jean Dotson has been doing our taxes and mentioned that we had made a profit of \$1,490 this year. The Yachats Youth and Family group asked for a donation and Berry Dunn moved we donate \$250 which was done.

Elva Philp was welcomed to the club as a new member.

The club, again was given a chance to enjoy the Gerdemann Gardens.

Esther Clarke and her daughter, Eileen Diehl, donated a beautiful red and white quilt. It will be used in a drawing at the Christmas bazaar.

Alice Ash is recovering from her recent surgery. The members wish her well. Jerry Delco, Lee's husband, has built a new storage unit, with shelves for bazaar items. Betty Dunn moved that we give him a \$25 certificate to the Adobe as a thank you.

After some questions about holding raffles, Betty Dunn did some research and found that we are allowed to have raffles as long as we document closely what we do.

\$100 was donated this year to the Yachats Fireworks fund.

Yvonne Wulff gave us an update on the four candidates applying for the scholarship. After a full review it was decided to award a \$1,000 scholarship to Sarah Thompson of Yachats. Betty Jenness will present the award at a school assembly. Agnes Marchant suggested that money received from the quilt raffle would serve well as scholarship money. Betty Dunn made a motion to that effect and it was so voted.

The annual picnic will be held at the park on the River Road.

Fund raising events were in full swing: The carved wooden rooster donated by Shirley's garnered \$46 and was won by Richard Sharpless. The Memorial Day pie social brought in \$348 and the quilt raffle is up to \$180. The July 4<sup>th</sup> pie social earned \$947. There were 65 home baked pies and the supply was gone an hour earlier than planned. The Polka Dots donated \$100 to the scholarship fund and there was an anonymous donation of another \$100. The Labor Day pie social made \$296.



In honor of Stan Miller (husband of member Betty Miller) the club donated \$50 to the Yachats Ambulance Fund.

Eileen Diehl and Judy Guetter were sworn in as new members.

Carolyn West and Truth Sickle will co-chair the Christmas Tour of Homes this year. Vivian Toepfer gave lessons in stamping and the ladies made more note cards.

Not wanting to short change new members who came to the club late in the year, Alice Stein moved that these dues be paid in January. It was also decided that members could buy 3 items prior to Rummage sales day. Truth Sickles's motion that members receive one piece of pie and coffee/tea at rummage sale functions was passed.

Jan Livingstone joined the club in October.

The club made a \$100 donation to local area fire departments for booklets to educate children in fire safety. The nominating committee, Truth Sickles, Agnes Marchant and Lee Delco presented the slate of candidates for 2004: President Betty Jenness, Vice President Truth Sickles, Sue Ann Bradley and Betty Dunn, Secretary Carolyn West and Treasurer Elva Phip.

In answer to a request the club donated \$250 to South Lincoln Resources, a selfless volunteer group which helps many needy people each year.

We took in \$1,188 at the rummage sale and the 2003 Christmas Bazaar brought in \$2,625 which was \$355 more than last year. Sandy Canova, ever trying to improve the building moved that we put 1/3 of the earnings from the 2 rummage sales and the bazaars into the building fund. It passed unanimously.

As too many demands were being made on the members' time it was decided to cancel the Christmas Tour of Homes this year. Violet Young and her daughter, Sara, will sing Christmas songs at the bazaar. Sue Ann Bradley reports a hefty, \$1,135.50 in the quilt raffle fund. The members voted to add additional money to give a \$1,500 scholarship this year.

M.E. Cross was sworn in as a new member in December.

It was voted to give \$250 to the Fire Department and \$250 to the Ambulance fund.

## **2004**

The 2004 officers were sworn in at the January 14 meeting. They were Betty Jenness President, Sue Ann Bradley and Truth Sickles Vice Presidents, Elva Philp Treasurer and Carolyn West Secretary. In January we were informed that our neighbor east of the clubhouse planned to sue the club for trimming the hedge. Nothing developed and the bushes grew back prettier than ever. Zira was headed to Washington State to visit her family and was happy to deliver out scholarship quilt to the winner, and to bring back pictures for our history book.

The club agreed to make Rose Oliver, a longtime member, a life member.

Beryl Johnson, M.E. Cross and Zira Kahl were handed the iffy task of getting insurance for the club. Marie Jelen asked for help in gathering articles pertinent to the club which she might use in the history book; she soon had volunteers.

Work continued on the Jeans quilt (our current scholarship fund raiser). The appliqués are done..now they must be sewn together. Our president's sister, who has stepped in to assist at our fund raisers, is in the hospital with a ruptured appendix. Betty Jenness has gone to be with her during her recovery. Carolyn West and Edna Marie Thorn are also on our sick list this week.

Elva Philp explained that she could make a tri-fold brochure with a short summary of the club's activities and community participation. Amelia suggested that more attention be paid to former and new officers at the anniversary dinners and thought they should be recognized and seated at the head table.

The club decided to do so at the next anniversary dinner.

Work progressed on the Easter baskets, bunnies and treats for the Spring Bazaar. Elva reported that Allstate offered the best insurance for the money, so the club dug in and sent \$964 for the years premiums.

Mary Kush, one of the longest enrolled members of the club, had a heart attack. Cards have been mailed to members who have not paid their dues. If no response is received they will be removed from the rolls at the end of February. Our plate supply has dwindled and it was suggested that everyone check their cupboards to see if a plate went home with a leftover piece of pie.

A porcelain doll, made by Jan Fields, has been added to our scholarship raffle. The drawing for that and the quilt will be at the Christmas Bazaar. Agnes Marchant has completed the Club History from 1980 up to January 2002.

The 2004 Birthday luncheon is set for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Driftwood Shores in Florence. April 21 is the date of the Gerdeman garden tour.

Jean Dotson made a motion that at the end of each quarter, if our checking account is over \$3,500 we should deposit \$1,000 to the building fund. It passed easily as funding the building has always raised questions about using our resources in this way.

Our little friend, Chickie Aievail, is now in a care home in Florence.

In April 2004 a discussion was held about omitting the spring rummage sale as the club made only \$867. This was left open for further ideas. The Easter Bazaar was much more successful with returns of \$1,566.

Vivian Toepfer fell and has a fractured vertebra. She will be confined to her bed for 2 to 4 weeks. Truth's motion that we discontinue the Spring rummage sale passed. The leftover Easter baskets were delivered to My Sisters Place.

The club picnic was held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Elva Philp and Carolyn West and thanks to their pre-planning it was easily moved into their big garage and out of the rain and wind. Sue Ann Bradley encouraged members to bring baby pictures and much laughter was the result as guesses went wild. Who today looks most like their baby picture???

We received the sad news that Sandra Canova, a active member and staunch backer of the Ladies Club, passed away in Arizona from leukemia. As Sandy was so involved in improvements for the building the club voted to change the fund name to the Sandra Canova Memorial Fund. \$100 was sent to the leukemia foundation and another \$100 was deposited in the building fund in her memory.

The scholarship for this year was awarded to Katie Selvog. We are gratified by the splendid reports from former award winners as they each show such promise.

The problem of voracious pests in the footings called for tests to be made. After reviewing prices it was decided to have The Killers take care of our Powder Post Beetles. The cost was \$1,000, with a 10 year guarantee and yearly inspection.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> pie social made \$1,730 (before expenses) and the 92 pies were sold out prior to 2:00 o'clock. The ladies rode and walked in the La De Dah parade and like the Pied Piper of yore brought the pie hungry crowd home.

Things began again in September with the Labor Day pie social which made \$426. After the tsunami instructions by Frankie, Betty Jenness designated tasks to several volunteers should such an event occur. Everyone got to participate when a practice drill was held on a meeting day. The Ladies are ready should we all be together at the club during a real event.

Violet Young and Jean O'Hearn offered the club the use of a 6 foot table at the Arts and Craft show

in November. We will be able to offer a preview of the Christmas bazaar.

The 2 day rummage sale in October brought in \$1,505, a nice return on free merchandise.

Tom Coyote gave his time to teach us how to make Dream Catchers and told us of the native American legends regarding them. His pay? One pie.

We received a request from the South Lincoln County Resources about a needy family and Betty Dunn moved that we send them \$350. This was done.

Beryl Johnson is ill and is receiving treatments for cancer. Truth Sickles, the happy girl is moving to Seattle. We will miss her.

The subject of lending club equipment from the building came up again and it was voted that items would be removed only if it was a club function.

Ruth Niedhardt was sworn in as a new member in October.

Jean and Zeke Dotson made the generous donation to the club of 125 five place settings of dinnerware. The club had been struggling to get enough plates for the dinners; now the problem was solved and the donors received a big thank you.

Richard Canova donated \$200 to the building fund. David and Drew Rieseck donated a used electric range for use in the kitchen.

Over \$500 was made for the Little Log Church at the Lasagna dinner. You can always count on the community to come out for our events.

The club made \$270 at the Craft on the Coast show. Jean and Violet offered use of the table for next years show.

Betty Jenness contacted the Job Corps and they agreed to serve the anniversary dinner on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Alice Ash offered one of her paintings for a money raising raffle. It pictured a barnyard scene and was very well executed. Plans were made for our Christmas party and gift and secret sister exchange.

Esther Clarke and Eileen Diehl donated their unsold children's quilts to My Sister Place. Betty Miller made a motion to donate \$250 as well as the quilts. The club was in the Christmas mode and donated \$500 to the Ambulance service and a \$50 donation was given to the Yachats Youth and Family program. Elva was given \$200 for her basket project.

The Christmas Bazaar was successful, earning \$3,224 which included \$605 in sales from the increasingly popular gift baskets. This did not include the money earned from the quilt raffle which met about 2/3 of the \$1,500 needed.

Betty Jenness asked for volunteers to work the rummage sale. Kate Brown, Sue Ann Bradley, Betty Miller, Agnes Marchant, Zira Kahl, and Amelia Jesinghaus offered their help.

## **2005**

The new officers for 2005 were installed on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Betty Jenness continued to serve as President, M. E. Cross was Vice President, Sue Ann Bradley 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Elva Philp Treasurer and Carolyn West Secretary.

Florence Whitney, on behalf of the Trustee Committee, reported the roof was not good. It is sadly in need of repair. Jan Fields moved that we set aside the earnings from the February dinner to be used on a kitchen update. Elva moved that the lunch money from the bazaars go toward the kitchen improvements.

Zira is still in Portland at Providence hospital. She must undergo therapy 3 hours a day. Many of the members have gone to visit Beryl and are glad to report she is feeling better.

Fran Perkins, Ginny Alexander and Diane Freeburg joined the club as new members.

The club voted to have the denim quilt professionally quilted as it is cumbersome and hard to sew through.

The groundwork for a quilting class was laid with Diane Freeburg, an avid quilter taking the lead. They plan to meet twice a month. The meat loaf dinner went over big with the public and raised \$639 toward the kitchen fund. Joe West presented a bid of \$9,000 to update the kitchen.

It was voted to have the birthday luncheon at the Adobe on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost will be \$10.95 each. Kate has dated the Rummage sale for April 31<sup>st</sup>.

The members were saddened on hearing that Beryl Johnson, our much loved friend and member had passed away. A celebration of life was held at the Presbyterian Church and the club sent a bouquet for the occasion.

Linda Gilbert joined the club as a new member in March.

The Spring Craft sale brought in \$2,192.

February, March and April were months of ailments. Ray Sinclair and Richard Bradley were in the hospital, Paul Toepfer was in rehab, Violet's husband had toe surgery, Betty Dunn had a long lasting fight with the flu, and Betty Jenness fell and fractured her shoulder and will be incapacitated for some time.

Yachats City Park asked for a donation so the club gave \$250 for a park bench. Joe West and John Philp offered to help on the ham dinner along with Jan Fields, Jan Livingstone, Elva Philp, Fran Perkins, Betty Miller, Carolyn West, Amelia Jesinghaus and M. E. Cross.

We lost another longtime member in the spring. Mary Kush passed away. Money donated in Mary's name was designated for the kitchen update fund and more than \$275 was collected.

The ham dinner was fine as ever but attendance was low and the club only realized \$455.

Jean O'Hearns husband, Larry, passed away. A card and flowers was sent. There was good news; Zira Kahl is due home on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Welcome home flowers were sent.

The scholarship committee reviewed the applicants for this year and the club voted for Melissa Ghiglieri.

Another of our old-time members passed away, Alice Stein. She had taken a deep interest in the club since joining in 1983. She died of a massive stroke following brain surgery. She had donated her personal things to the club and the sale put \$1,747 into her memorial fund. At the suggestion by Zira, it was voted to put money from the Alice Stein fund toward the purchase of a new stove. This was approved.

The Lions Club asked for a donation to their Firemen's potluck Benefit. The club gave \$25. It was decided to hire someone to clean the clubhouse at \$10 per hour, Edna Marie Thorn said we need a new vacuum cleaner and all agreed.

Sandy Dunn and Sandy White joined the club and were sworn in as new members.

More woes in our health department. Fran Perkins is down with a herniated disc and Huck Huckins is recuperating at home.

Sue Ann Bradley coordinated a rummage sale in July that made \$918. M.E. Cross thought that some people were baking up to 8 pies for our pie socials and recommend that any pies over 2 should receive reimbursement of \$2 per pie. It was so passed.

The annual pie socials continue to be good money makers. A review of receipts showed the

following: Memorial Day \$410, July 4<sup>th</sup> \$1,879 and Labor Day \$755. As usual our 90+ pies made for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July sold out earlier than planned.

Diane Freeburg moved that we transfer the \$500 we had received from the sale of the Blue Willow dishes into the kitchen fund. This was done.

After a discussion the ladies decided to prepare and serve the Celtic dinner at the Commons on November 11 – 12. Much of the food was donated so that cut down on our expenses. The wild weather on the night of the Dinner kept people away but the club made \$2,500 for the 2 nights with 28 people helping. There was a good supply of huge onions left over so Florence peddled them to members for 25 cents a pound. This ended up being a really **BIG** project, but a good money maker. The club applauds and thanks all those that planned and worked on the event.

Esther Clarke and Eileen Diehl made a wall hanging to welcome those who come to the club. A clever idea and beautiful workmanship from them, again. The bathroom wall hangings they made are also a nice addition to our décor.

Florence Whitney found enough soup bowls to fill out the new dishes. It came at a good time as stew was selected as the main fare for the Christmas bazaar. We are entering our busy season, Sandy Dunn agreed to coordinate the Anniversary dinner on January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Christmas pot luck, gift exchange and election of officers is December 14<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> the club acts as hostess to the Little Log Church Winter in Yachats celebration.

It was agreed that the Christmas bazaar would be held for 2 days, the first weekend in December. Gingerbread houses were made again this year. The bazaar was well attended and the club netted \$5,245. It is gratifying to have people from the valley tell us that they would never skip the Yachats Ladies Club Bazaar.

We received a thank you letter from the Salvation Army for our \$1,000 donation to them for work in the Katrina disaster. A donation of \$350 was made to the South Lincoln Resources. Betty Jenness announced that the club made \$300 at the craft show at the commons.

No meetings will take place the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Elva explained that a review of our funds showed we had sufficient money to more make donations this year. We gave \$250 to My Sisters Place, \$250 to Food Share and \$500 to the Yachats Ambulance fund, \$50 to the Yachats skate board project and \$50 to the Yachats Youth and Family group. The unsold gingerbread houses were donated to Samaritan House.

The furnace had new ailments, but the repairmen knows the route now so it will be repaired soon. Sue Ann and Richard Bradley had the misfortune and frightening experience of 2 trees falling on their house in a storm. They are currently housed at the Fireside Inn. Agnes fractured her pelvic bone in a fall at her home on Christmas Eve and after 4 days in intensive care is now at the Newport Rehab facility for a lengthy stay.

## 2006

We start off the new year with a new slate of officers. Carolyn West President, Betty Jenness Vice President, Darline (Huck) Huckins 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sandy Dunn Secretary and Elva Philp Treasurer.

Profits from the Lasagna dinner will go to help the Sweet Adelines finance their trip to San Francisco where they have been chosen to represent Oregon and compete.

Sharon Sinclair has offered to organize a family night once a month at the club. The question came up again as to what per cent of our money should be donated and the only stipulation is that the members may not profit personally through their membership. Another \$211 came in from post bazaar sales.

The group working on the lap blankets for the Kiwanis Children's' Burn Center in North Bend, Washington has completed 11 blankets. Their goal is 21. It was voted to hold the birthday luncheon at the

Adobe gain with gift exchange not to exceed \$10.

Jan Fields is in the hospital in Corvallis following surgery. Agnes is out of rehab, but confined to home for now.

Edna Marie made a motion that the club should vote on all personal use of the club because of extra maintenance costs and conflicting dates. It was passed.

We continue to have building woes. The water heater started acting up and refusing to heat water and the furnace needed help. The water heater was replaced at a cost of \$516 and the furnace repair bill came to \$500.

The club was the recipient of a computer from Betty Dunn and Ray Meehan gave the club a printer/scanner/copier. Betty and Sandy Dunn will be the technicians who set up the computer station.

Sue Ann Bradley asked that the Red Hats be given permission to use the building and the club approved. Huck Huckins suggested a meat loaf dinner on June 17<sup>th</sup> and then a Barbecue lunch on August 19<sup>th</sup>. That met with approval as family events have become a popular spot to visit friends.

Sales at the rummage sale held in conjunction with Yvonne Wulff's sale, brought in \$94 for the Alice Stein fund, \$71 from crafts and \$170 for rummage. The lap quilts pile has grown to 31. Huck Huckins is checking with My Sister's Place to see if they have need of the extras. Later we were informed that they did not need them. So it was decided to sell the extras at the Spring Craft Bazaar.

The birthday luncheon was set for March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Adobe.

Carolyn White was sworn in as a new member.

Everyone is collecting their best recipes for a new fund raising cookbook to be published this year. Sandy Dunn has made an appeal for top recipes.

When the idea of having a rummage sale came up Zira suggested that we not accept rummage at the door nor ask for public donations. Poor quality items and too much clothing caused a clean-up problem in the past.

Jennifer Reinhart finished quilting the raffle quilt and what a lovely job she did. Pat Hopkins, a friend of Florence Whitney, generously donated \$100 to the kitchen fund. 12 Easter baskets were sent to My Sister's Place. Merribeth, Betty Jenness sister, donated a sewing machine to the club.

The Lasagna dinner earned \$510 which went to the Sweet Adelines as promised. Zira moved that all the proceeds from the bazaar and rummage sale luncheons go in to the kitchen fund. It passed unanimously.

The scholarship committee: Huck Huckins, Claire Good, Edna Marie Thorn and Carolyn White presented profiles on four applicants and the club selected Jaleen Morris, who plans to attend Linfield College and pursue a degree in educations. Huck Huckins will present the scholarship at the Waldport High assembly on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Betty Evans joined the club in April and Clara Wangsness was welcomed as new member in May.

The club was asked for use of the club for a private individual fund raiser and decide not to offer financial support but would put a jar out for personal donations.

Our ever present, ever on the job chef, Florence Whitney, was voted the Volunteer of the Year by the Yachats Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations. Betty and Sandy Dunn provided treats at their new home after the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Spring Craft Bazaar took in \$411 at the luncheon and \$1,814 in the craft department. Funds are starting to come in on the scholarship quilt raffle.

Following a motion by Zira it was decided to sell brownies along with pies at the same price as the pies. A trial run would show if this is popular. Results: brownie sales did not seem to impact the pie sales so it was decided to continue with brownie sales at future pie socials.

Summer events included a meat loaf dinner that offered the patrons a chance to visit with friends and neighbors and raised \$525. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July pie social made a hefty \$1,863. The 103 pies were sold out by 2:00 p.m. The flags that Richard Canova brought for us to sell did not attract public interest, none were sold.

Thanks were given to Carolyn West and Elva Philp for the use of their home and lovely yard for the annual picnic in August.

In September, Mary Bosch and Phyllis Hepp were sworn into the club by Florence Whitney.

Zira Kahl's able leadership is evident in the progress made with the quilt raffle ticket sales. Huck Huckins, Zira Kahl and Sue Ann Bradley have been selling tickets at the Yachats Sunday Market. Sue Ann Bradley and Agnes Marchant had a good day selling at Ray's market. Agnes Marchant and Betty Dunn sold tickets at West Coast Bank in Waldport and Sandy Dunn sold at the Bank of the West in Yachats.

The club was invited to serve lunch at the Crafts on the Coast Craft Show but Amelia made a motion we not do so and it was passed. Everyone is so busy with the bazaar and their cookbook.

Joe West did an inspection of the building and said that the foundation needs reinforcing which would require a 40 foot beam to put the building on a level footing. The fireplace is doing damage to the east wall of the building and he recommended that it be removed entirely. The members voted to remove the fireplace if that will help things.

Elva Philp reported that we are holding \$1,717 in the Alice Stein Fund and the club voted to use this for the kitchen remodeling. Friends of the Library sent the club a \$100 donation for the kitchen fund. The Labor Day pie social earned \$475 and as usual, the pie supply just barely lasted.

South Lincoln Resources, one of the club's recipients for several years, asked for a donation and Jan Livingstone moved we send the usual \$350, which we did. The Yachats skate board committee asked if our ladies would bake cakes for a cake walk at their Brushwhacker's Halloween Ball fund raiser. We baked a dozen cakes.

Florence Whitney suggested that we clear our limited cupboard space by getting rid of old unused dishes. A motion was made that we explore the best way to get rid of the old dishes.

Joe West and Dick Springsteen met with the club and explained the procedures needed to correct the building's many faults. A test found asbestos in the roofing, of course, and the bid to remove it was \$8,698. They estimated it would take at least \$16,650 for demolition, purchase of material, installing the trusses and the roofing. This assumes all volunteer labor except for two weeks of Dick Springsteen time. The estimate does not include any electrical work, the sheetrock for the ceiling, insulation or permits. This was all left to simmer with the ladies.

The cookbook is in the capable hands of Elva Philp who is doing final edits. Comical errors were found, such as a soup with no liquid ingredients mentioned, fried rice with no rice listed and a soup that called for one bean. Edits will correct these problems.

Agnes suggested that we not separate the dining area from the sales with the trellis and that the floor space be as open as possible. This lead to further input and many good points were made to improve the arrangement of displays at the Christmas bazaar.

Cheryl Waide donated several padded chairs to the club. Lovely chairs, they are. She also gave us 2 six foot tables and \$50 for the roof fund.

After getting returns in the roof removal costs the members wondered if they could qualify for any grants. Two or three people who have dealt with grant protocol are looking further into that.

Maren Porter became the sixth new member to join the club this year. Welcome.

The cookbook has been printed and will sell for the \$12 as previously voted. The printing bill was \$1,178 and was paid out of the general fund. Profits, once they come in, will be placed in the kitchen fund. By the end of the day of their arrival 44 cookbooks had been sold. By December 15<sup>th</sup> enough cookbooks had been sold to pay for the printing costs and we were showing a \$22 profit. They are still selling well.

The windstorm neatly removed the furnace chimney cap which has been replaced, for a cost of \$299.60.

The Christmas bazaar was successful as ever thanks to lead coordination of Huck Huckins and all the members who made items and worked in the kitchen and on floor. Crafts sold in the amount of \$4,810 and food sales were \$599. Sue Ann Bradley interviewed some of the shoppers and inquired as to where people had heard about the bazaar. We wanted to know if our advertising dollars were being spent in the right places. Sue Ann collected very valuable information that will be used in the future.

We lost another loyal member on December 6<sup>th</sup> when Zira Kahl suddenly passed away. For the past several years she has been the driving force behind the raffle ticket sales for the scholarship fund. This past year we sold more than \$1,200 in tickets toward the \$1,500 we needed. We will all miss Zira. A memorial is planned at the club on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

The club treasury showed a healthy balance even after our many donations this past year. The building fund has grown to \$12,123; the kitchen fund is at \$9,927 and the checking fund stands at \$3,160 at the end of 2006. The fund raisers have gone well and our donations have been generous. The one real concern is the condition of our OLD building and the realization that we need all the money we have saved and much more to make the needed repairs. Several ladies have joined the club this past year and have been active in all club events. The club welcomes all of you.

The newly elected officers for 2007 are President, Sandy Dunn, Vice President, Carolyn White, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Mary Bosch, Secretary, Huck Huckins, and Treasurer, Elva Philp. They will be installed at the first meeting in January.

Recap.....



Reading the minutes of meetings from 1980 through 2006 proved to be a lesson in accomplishments in the name of fellowship and friendship. Therein lays the history of the Yachats Ladies Club.

Such was the case in the late 1980s and through the early years of the nineties. Membership had dropped to a new low and attendance at meetings was even lower. When the members were faced with disbanding of the club and were informed that if they did so the building would be destroyed they dug their heels in and went to work on the problem. Although deaths and relocations have left the club with less members, the active recruitment of new members has allowed us to maintain a membership between 45 and 55 the last few years.

Members in today's club should take off their hats to the few hardy souls who pulled it all together, and due to them we can now celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and know we are probably one of the oldest non-profit clubs in the state.

Each member has their strength and each has a talent that lends itself to the benefit of the whole of the club. All members don't work on all projects or events. There are those that work behind the scenes and those that are front and center. It takes every member, working together, to reach the successes we have attained. The strength of this club is our friendship and willingness to help each other.

Checking through the list of donations through the 80 years since 11 ladies organized the club in 1927 it is a fair estimate that the Ladies Club has donated more than \$100,000 in funds and services to the community.

It is not possible to mention all of those who gave strength to the club. Working members generously donated pies and items for the bazaar or rummage sales as well as their valuable time.

After 80 years we can proudly say: "WE DID IT."

Presidents.....1980.....2006

1980	June Baeron
1981	Eileen Varley
1982	Doris McCre
1983	Marjorie Hobson
1984	Sam Larkin
1985	Sam Larkin
1986	Vivian Henson
1987	Trustee Alternated
1988	Gloria Baehr....Alice Stein
1989	Alice Stein
1990	Jean Dotson....Vivian Armstrong
1991	Penny Smith....Betty Dunn
1992	Betty Dunn
1993	Betty Dunn
1994	Betty Dunn
1995	Betty Dunn
1996	Betty Dunn
1997	Betty Dunn
1998	Betty Dunn
1999	Betty Dunn
2000	Florence Whitney
2001	Florence Whitney
2002	Betty Dunn
2003	Betty Jenness
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2005	Betty Jenness
2006	Carolyn West