

AN UPDATED HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

IN THE BEGINNING

From Abigail Kouwenhoven's 1955, A History of the Woman's Club of The Johns Hopkins University, "Before 1930, there was no organized group for the wives of the Johns Hopkins University faculty.

Occasionally groups made up of members of faculty and their wives met for dancing or music or reading and discussion, but there was no formal network. There was a graduate students' club for women and a chapter of the National Graduate Women's Sorority on the campus. During the First World War, a sewing group met at the Homewood campus and the medical school campus organized a knitting group. In the Twenties, a card group met in the Engineering School. This group became the nucleus of the larger card group to come."

"Dr. John C. French, in his book, A History of the University Founded by Johns Hopkins, published in 1946, page 415, describes the formation of a women's club.

"On the initiative of President Ames there was formed at Homewood in 1930 a social and cultural organization of faculty wives and women members of the teaching staff. This 'Women's Faculty Club' as it was first named, was designed to meet a recognized need. Though the term "housing shortage" was not commonly heard, vacancies in the vicinity of the University were scarce, and the young married members of the Homewood faculty had to range rather far afield to find houses or apartments within their means. Many young couples new to Baltimore had an exceedingly lonely time-opportunities to make friends in the academic family hardly existed. Dr. Ames asked Mrs. Edward W. Berry, wife of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, to do

something about it and she issued a call for an organization meeting of the women concerned with the problem”.

By early February 1930, Mary Willard Berry (Mrs. Edward W. Berry) and the new Women’s Club, announced in the student publication, The Johns Hopkins Newsletter (February 11, 1930), the sponsorship of a card party in Levering Hall on February 14th at 8:30 p.m. Tickets were \$.75 each and could be obtained from Mrs. Phillips in Room 300 Gilman Hall. Refreshments were available and prizes were awarded to the winners. The May 2, 1930, The Johns Hopkins Newsletter announced the “Woman’s Club” members voted as a group to “undertake” the sport of tennis. “This event, the first one of its kind is more or less an experiment this year. There are 20 entrants...which includes outside of graduate students, six secretaries and two librarians. A prize of a cup will probably be awarded to the winners.”.

According to early club historians (Abigail Kouwenhoven, 1955 and Mae Rozaboom, 1969), the club was “successful from the start” being composed of different sections based on the interest of its members such as literature, music, drama, gardening, language, and sports. These groups became the backbone of the club and were self-regulated collecting their own dues as needed. Group chairmen reported to Mary Berry. Traditions were started such as the October tea or annual fall tea when women faculty and faculty wives were invited and offered an opportunity to join the interest groups. Mary Berry organized the event with assistance from an appointed interest group. Annual dues were \$1.00. The club organized and hosted the Christmas faculty tea held in Levering Hall. It was an elaborate affair. All faculty were invited including bachelors and widowers. The Garden Club was responsible for the decorating, the music club organized carol singing, and there was a formal receiving line. Over the years a precise etiquette for the receiving line was established which included the university’s board

chairman, the university president, the club president, and lesser dignitaries.

There is no formal documentation of the club's activities until 1939. According to the early club historians, Mary Berry had notes which were in the possession of her husband, Dean Berry. Mary Berry died suddenly in May 1939. On June 7, 1939, Mrs. Bowman, wife of the university president, appointed a nominating committee to present a slate of officers at the club's October 10th fall tea. The minutes of that meeting stated, "Mrs. Bowman greeted the members and spoke briefly of the legacy given to the University by Mary W. Berry in the founding of the faculty club to promote friendship among women of the University". To honor the club's founder, club members renamed the club The Mary Willard Berry Club of the Johns Hopkins University and club officers were elected. Mrs. David Moore Robinson was the first president. The treasurer report stated \$40 available. Group Reports included the following: Books, Bridge (2 groups), Sports (subdivided into smaller groups and men could participate. The Hopkins gym was available to the women one night per week for badminton), Drama (planned some one act plays for May, 1940), German and French groups (led by Mme. Dumont), and Gardening ("for those who like to dig and weed..."). At the end of the meeting Mrs. Bowman extended an invitation to each group to meet her during the coming months at her home on Oak Place Terrance.

May 16, 1940, was the first annual meeting of the renamed club and bylaws were adopted. A Spring Tea was held days later in Levering Hall. At the Fall tea in October 1940, Miss James, chairman of the Volunteer Services at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, discussed volunteer openings at the hospital. Plays were presented by the drama group. From 1941-1949 Mrs. Bowman hosted "at homes" and formed a committee of "townspeople" (meaning club members) to visit wives of new faculty.

This idea of introducing new faculty wives to club members evolved into the newcomers' group in later years.

THE WAR YEARS

A special meeting was held on January 7, 1942 (one month post Pearl Harbor), at the Johns Hopkins Club to form a Red Cross Group, registered formally as The Johns Hopkins Faculty Group of the Baltimore Chapter and chaired by Mrs. Murnaghan who kept the "needles clicking", and co-chaired by Abigail Kouwenhoven. This group met weekly from January 1942 until December 1945 except when the Johns Hopkins Club was closed for holiday weeks in the winter and spring. Ninety-four women were listed as members of the Red Cross group with 18 of the women giving 200 hours of work or more knitting and producing other garments. According to Kouwenhoven's history, the club questioned whether it could carry out its activities as Johns Hopkins University was one of the first universities to go to a wartime schedule. Many club members moved from Baltimore when their husbands left for war assignments, yet "guest members" were added to the club "where husbands have been connected with government projects here at the university". Due to transportation issues and wartime schedules, the teas were infrequent and the drama and reading groups "languished". Members of the club were air raid wardens, hospital laboratory technicians and in the Red Cross. The club's Production Group produced garments for the English-Speaking Union, stitched dressings and other items for the Johns Hopkins Hospital General Operating Room and for the hospital's Housekeeping Department. The grand total of all articles made was 5,355. (NOTE: After the need for weekly meetings of the Red Cross Group was over, it continued to meet at Christmas to wrap gifts for the veterans in the hospitals around Baltimore. These gifts were financed by contributions received at the October tea.)

In the post war years (1945-1949), the university added new faculty to meet the demand of returning war veterans. There was a corresponding spike in club membership. The interest groups which went into hiatus during the war years came back to life. The music, drama and language groups seemed to be the most stable, but records are not specific as to what groups were functioning at the time. In 1948 President Bowman retired and the club gave Mrs. Bowman a silver Revere bowl in gratitude for her support of The Mary Willard Berry Club. Mrs. Bowman held special teas in the spring of 1949 so that all members could see the gift.

THE FIFTIES

The club's president appointed a special legislative committee to re-write the bylaws which were presented at the October 1950 Fall Meeting. A most vexing problem in the early Fifties was "who should be invited to the very popular Christmas tea". Recommendations were made to tighten the club membership eligibility requirements and drop the use of "courtesy lists". Thus, the new bylaws defined "faculty status as set forth in the circulars of the University" and membership eligibility restricted to all wives at all Johns Hopkins Institutions. The membership approved the new bylaws at the May 1951 meeting at which time it changed its name to The Woman's Club of the Johns Hopkins University and adopted an official club seal. The club seal was the University seal with the words "The Woman's Club of the Johns Hopkins University founded by Mary Willard Berry" inscribed around the seal's edge, thus pleasing the older members who knew Mary Berry and satisfying newer members who wished to broaden the club's appeal to prospective members. Kouwenhoven states the club bylaws were amended in 1952, 1953 and put in booklet form in 1954.

Three annual events, the Fall Business Meeting, the Christmas Party and the Spring Business Meeting and Luncheon brought the entire club membership together. Spring teas at the Garrett Mansion replaced the event held in the President's home. The interest groups were the real purpose of the club as one President's Annual Report stated. In 1955 there were 14 such groups-book, bridge, child study, dance, drama, French, gardening, German, handicraft, music, newcomers, Red Cross, Spanish, and sketching. Teas and desserts replaced luncheons served by members of the individual groups. The 1957 dance group sponsored dances for the graduate students at Homewood, the School of Medicine and the School of Hygiene and Public Health. Sid Cowen and Orchestra played at the March 23rd dance. The program stated "- optional dress, -set-ups provided, -\$2.50 a couple."

THE CLUB SILVER AND THE PRESIDENT'S GIFT IN 1959

By the club's 25th year in 1955, it had accumulated a number of silver serving pieces. On December 19, 1944, Dean Edward Berry donated to the club his wife's coffee urn which was used at the Christmas Tea that year. In May 1945, the club voted to have the urn engraved. In January 1955, the club decided to enhance its tea service. Rose Hubbard, a member of a committee of three to investigate the matter, wrote to the Berry's daughter asking about the history of the urn and if there was a silver sugar and creamer set that went with it. Here is Ginny Berry's reply:

Dear Rose:

In connection with the urn -- to answer your letter -- The only history of it that I know is that Ma wanted a samovar for Christmas one year and Pop and I went shopping all up and down the antique shops on Howard Street looking for one that didn't look "Dutch" as Pop tactfully worded it to each and every proprietor who had one to offer. We didn't find one. So we went over to Charles Street and at that time there was a shop that sold antique silver located on the west side of the street just up from Center as you went downtown. The urn in question was in the window and Pop thought that was what Ma ought to have. So we went in and he bought it for twenty five dollars. It had to be buffed up and while that was being done we went to the drug store at the corner and Pop watched me eat a chocolate marshmallow sundae and looked mildly amused and very much pleased with himself. The urn was a huge success so far as Ma was concerned and she always used the sugar and creamer that went with her family tea service with it. She always used it for coffee and her tea service for tea at the same time. I remember the circumstances of buying it very clearly because it was quite a gay time for Pop and me and I had some misgivings as to how a silver urn would go over when Ma wanted a samovar. Funny, isn't it how some things stay in your memory?

In 1955 a silver tray was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Alan Freeman and the club voted to have it engraved in appreciation. A re-silvered sugar and creamer were purchased for \$22.40. In 1959, these pieces (urn, tray, creamer and sugar) were valued by the Tongue, Brooks and Company on St. Paul Street at \$1600 dollars. An insurance renewal policy in 1971 valued these items at \$460.

THE EPERGNE

In the late Fifties, a club committee was formed to investigate the purchase of a gift to President Milton Eisenhower to be used in the recently constructed president's house on the Homewood campus, the Nichols House. There was much discussion and voluminous correspondence to decorators and antique establishments. The committee agreed it should be a woman's gift (note: President

Eisenhower was a bachelor) and not easily broken. Suggestions included a barometer, candle sticks, ash trays and a carpet. One member suggested “that we give the President a wife” and thus easier to discuss with the first lady what was needed for the house. All agreed the gift needed to reflect the personality of the club. A \$300 Sheffield plate epergne was purchased from J. E. Caldwell Co., of Philadelphia. More discussion followed as to the composition of basket liners. Plexiglas was the final decision at a cost of \$75 as custom glass was too expensive. President Eisenhower duly acknowledged the gift from the Woman’s Club in a May 10, 1959, letter. In 1974, the club made inquiries to President Muller’s administrators as to the whereabouts of the epergne. Rose Hubbard, a charter member, reported in her history (The Woman’s Club of the Johns Hopkins University 1968-1980) that as of 1980, the epergne was still at Nichols House. The piece was returned to the club sometime after 1980 and was used as a centerpiece at subsequent club Fall Coffees. In 1995, space at the Evergreen Museum was located to store the club’s possessions such as club official records, teacups, plates, and the club’s silver tea and coffee service. Prior to 1995, such club related items were scattered at the homes of club members.

THE SIXTIES

The decade started with a club membership 400 members and by the decade’s end, there were 444 members. The club designated the university president’s wife as a non-dues paying, Honorary Member. In 1968, there were 18 interest groups including five language groups (French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish), a new Tour Group and a Greater Homewood Urban Affairs/ Urban Interest group. Mrs. Lincoln Gordon, the university president’s wife, offered the Nichols House as a

permanent meeting place for the Urban Interest Group which consisted of 54 members who according to their annual group report, “manifest a genuine concern for urban problems and hope their “energetic zeal” ... could be used as a “vehicle for the club efforts to help or participate in solving the problems in our community”. Based on a 1969 club survey, 66% of the membership participated in a group. In another survey, it was reported that club members’ services to the University included participation in day care, a girl’s program at Barclay Elementary School, the Mayor’s Task Force on Nutrition and club board members participating in a telethon to aid the restoration of the Lyric Theater. The Handicraft Group was very active. The group’s 1963 annual report noted the contribution of 3 pairs of drapes for the new rooms at Levering Hall which required 27 yards of material and allowed the club use of Levering Hall rent free for the Christmas Party. In 1964, seven “handicrafters” including Rose Hubbard who stated in her history that they sewed the lower red strip on the replica of the Star Spangled Banner which flew at the New York World’s Fair . The strip was 42 feet long and the directions were 8 stitches to the inch and worked outward from the pole. At Christmas each year, the Garden Group made hundreds of dish gardens for trays at Veterans Hospitals. In 1963 the 54-member Gourmet Group met in the “Lexington Room” of the Lexington Market for a tour, a complimentary Continental luncheon, food demonstrations by Alvin Kerr of New York City and cookbook author John Cranwell of Washington, D.C. The group’s activities in 1968 included a tour of the Lancaster, Pennsylvania market followed by a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Spalding, wife of the president of Franklin and Marshall College and in 1969 a cocktail party at the home of Mary Lou Young (club President 1973-1975).

The 1967 President’s Report stated, “We are an active, vigorous club, reflecting an enthusiastic, interested membership, keeping in mind the

Club's objective...to promote social contacts among its members". The enthusiasm was reflected in the 1966 Style Show with a mink wrap as the door prize and the April, 1967 "Maid of Cotton" Style Show. The style shows were a shared project with the Graduate Students and Wives Club.

THE SEVENTIES: CHANGING TIMES

Turmoil on the Homewood campus in the spring of 1970 brought an abrupt change in administration. President Lincoln Gordon resigned, and Dr. Milton Eisenhower assumed an interim role as president until 1972 when Steven Muller was appointed. The Woman's Club's traditional calendar events changed formats. The Fall tea had already moved to a morning coffee format and the Holiday Party (originally the popular Christmas Tea) became a Winter Party held in January with no caroling but lots of "old popular songs". In January 1975 the winter party was a dance in Levering Hall featuring the Zim Zimmeral orchestra. Women undergraduates appeared on campus in 1971 and the Woman's Club hosted a picnic for the women students and members formed a special committee to investigate needs of incoming co-eds to the Homewood campus. The year 1976 was the Johns Hopkins University's centennial year and the Woman's club was involved in many activities related to the Centennial Ball. Individual members of the Art Appreciation group created a hand-made centennial quilt wall hanging containing nine squares each representing a school or symbol of the University. The Centennial Quilt hung in the main gallery of the Eisenhower Library near the Garrett Room for decades. In 1976 the club also approved an annual book scholarship of \$100 to be awarded to a student at the Homewood or Medical campuses in alternate years. (Note: Prior to the annual book scholarship award, the club would donate \$10 to an individual's department at Hopkins whenever a spouse or family member died. The

department and the family would receive a letter from the club corresponding secretary, notifying them of the gift)

In the early Seventies there were 17 interest groups from Art to Urban Interest (where State Delegate and later U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes was a speaker). A new group, the Business and Professional Women, invited speakers most notably Dr. Georgeanna Seeger Jones, a Hopkins pioneer researcher in in vitro fertilization, who spoke on the issues of a dual career as a physician/scientist and homemaker. Marge Muller, wife of President Steve Muller, did a Q&A on mentoring young women entering the business world. Club members also engaged in community outreach at the Barclay School by organizing and staffing enrichment programs and a creating a library program.

By the end of the decade, only 11 interest groups were active. The Business and Professional, Spanish, Music, Tour, Urban Interest and Handicraft groups were inactive. There was also a steep decline in club membership from 434 members in 1969, 334 members by 1976 and 226 members in 1978. Edith Conley, club president in 1973, noted in her State of the Club report the decline in attendance of the interest groups. "These Groups are the backbone of the club...several have suggested that perhaps the Club should again reconsider its purpose. As one stated in her report [chairman of an interest group], "Declining clubiness seems to be a fact of modern life." I would agree and yet when I think of the many deep friendships I have made and could not have made were it not for the club, I would reconsider. I think there must be a place for friendship, and perhaps in this busy, hectic often ugly world, we need it more than ever...let's all work ...to make the Woman's Club a more vital body on the Hopkins campuses". (From Edith Conley's President's Report May 1973.)

THE EIGHTIES

The 50th anniversary celebration of The Woman's Club of the Johns Hopkins University began on January 17, 1980, with a special luncheon at the Hopkins Club for all the living former Presidents of the Woman's Club. Those who attended were Mrs. Ferdinand Hamburger, Mrs. Thomas Hubbard, Mrs. Lockard Conley, Mrs. Byron Tepper, Mrs. Lloyd Rozeboom, Mrs. John Young and Mrs. John Hoopes. Those unable to come included Mrs. Benjamin Willier, Mrs. Edward Stafford, Mrs. Jay Dresser and Mrs. Howard Ingle. The Golden Anniversary celebration was celebrated at the Evergreen Mansion on the afternoon of October 5, 1980. One hundred fifty guests attended a reception where sandwiches, homemade cookies, tea, coffee, and champagne punch were served. Three charter members were able to attend: Mrs. Thomas Hubbard, Mrs. J. Alvin Beardon and Mrs. George Evans, Jr.

Club membership went from 220 members in 1980 to 262 members in 1985. Membership dues which were \$1 in 1930, \$2 in 1954, \$6 in 1985, rose to \$10 by 1989. A flyer titled "Interest Group Highlights" 1980-1981 listed 12 interest groups (Art Appreciation, Book, Bridge, French, Garden, German, Italian, Music, Newcomers, Play Reading, Russian Culture and Conversation, Theater). A club newsletter was published from about 1984 to 2004 with only a few breaks in publication. Called the Club Newsletter and later Calendar of Events, the publications kept the membership apprised of all club events and the various interest groups' activities.

The book group, one of the club's original interest groups (it started when President Ames gave Mary Berry a "goodly number of books" according to club historian Abigail Kouwenhoven), was a small group of nine members by 1985. For decades, books were purchased each year by the chairman of the group based on a consensus of the group and

the books were exchanged (in the 1960's there were three passing groups); the entire book group would meet at least once usually in the spring. At the end of the year, each member of the group would keep a book. By 1986 under new leadership, a theme and a list of books to be read were chosen in the fall. The members of the group purchased their own books or borrowed them from the local libraries and met once a month (usually from October to April) in one another's homes to discuss that month's book.

The book scholarship, which was suspended from 1980 to 1982, was restarted in 1983 with a \$200 annual award. The bylaws were amended in 1983 to add an Historian and to make the former president an ex-officio member of the Executive Board along with other minor changes. Change was theme of the decade and articulated by Nancy Hoopes in her 1981 President's report: "I've spoken about change before. Most don't like it. We like it less as we get older, but the world continues to change, and we must also or be like the rigid bough that breaks in the wind". She went on to suggest that the purpose of the club was beyond promoting social contacts among members, but also to make friends for the university and strict adherence to the club's bylaws governing membership eligibility sometimes had the opposite effect. She ended the report with this statement, "So I entreat you all to examine your goals, purposes and methods carefully and design a lattice work which will sustain the club for another 50 years."

THE NINETIES

Membership declined in the Nineties. There were 171 members and dues were \$15 in 1995 and 138 members in 1999 yet the strength of the Woman's Club continued to be in its interest groups. In 1992 there were 12 interest groups. The Gourmet group was active, and the Art Appreciation and Garden groups combined activities to view displays of

flowers in Baltimore and Annapolis. There were 15 interest groups in 1995 (Art appreciation, Books -the topic was family values, bridge, crafts, gourmet- a Turkish gourmet extravaganza, language groups, sports, theatre, Tour Hopkins). A Japanese Culture group formed in 1996. The Tour group which started in 1963 with 10 members visiting local museums and attending lectures, by the 1990's was visiting houses in Annapolis (Chase-Lloyd house and Carroll mansion) and churches in Baltimore City (Zion Lutheran and St. Paul's on Charles Street).

The annual scholarship award amount climbed steadily in the decade: 1990-\$600, 1991-\$700, 1995-\$900, 1998-\$1,000. In 1996 the executive board established an annual award schedule so that each school of the university received a scholarship on a rotating basis.

By 1999, the Woman's Club service project, The Barclay School, was thriving. A pushcart was purchased, and a new set of encyclopedias was donated. Club members collected grocery store receipts which were redeemed for new books. Two club members taught art lessons to Grades 5 & 6 and other club volunteers read books to students in the lower grades.

A NEW CENTURY 2000-2022

The new century started with a celebration of the Woman's Club's 70th year. At the spring luncheon, thirty-five women were honored for their years of dedication to the Woman's Club: 22 members with 40 years of participation and seven members with 45 years or greater. A tea service was also donated in 2000 and added to club's silver collection. The 75th anniversary of the Woman's Club was celebrated at Nichols House in 2005. The guest speaker was Christine Sarbanes, wife of Senator Paul Sarbanes, who spoke about the United States Fund for UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund). To commemorate the club's

80th anniversary in 2010, the club planted a daffodil garden on the south side of the Evergreen Mansion.

Tour Hopkins, led by Wendy Brody, the university president's wife, visited places of local interest including the Applied Physics Laboratory and the Muller Building (the space telescope on the Homewood campus), the JHU Press, Greenmount Cemetery, and a sculpture tour on the Homewood campus.

In 2000 there were 138 members, and the dues were \$20. Annual membership forms included a section for contributions to Special Projects (Barclay, Village Learning Place), Scholarship and/or Unrestricted Funds. Prior to 2008, the bylaws regarding membership eligibility were a few paragraphs long parsing out who could join the club, "...wives of faculty members, women administrators, women senior staff, women trustees, wives of trustees, wives of faculty administrators and senior staff...as listed in the official lists of the Johns Hopkins University". With membership hovering at 100 members, the bylaws were amended to streamline club membership eligibility to read "we are a club of women affiliated with the Johns Hopkins University". At the May 2010 Spring Meeting, the club's current bylaws were totally rewritten and approved by the membership. The bylaws stated, "The Club is open to anyone with an affiliation to the Johns Hopkins University and all the Johns Hopkins Medicine entities."

Long standing interest groups like the art appreciation group, the garden group and the bridge folded, but new groups emerged such as opera and the Shriver Hall concert series. The newcomers' group and gourmet group joined forces for an evening of "Mid-winter Morsels" in 2000. Spring luncheons during the first two decades included interesting guest speakers such as Christine Johnson, the new provost in 2008, the Dean Andrews from the School of Education, Dean Klag

from the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Dr. Redonda Miller, President of the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

With the help of the university's information technology (IT) department, the Woman's Club launched its first website in 2006. The website was upgraded significantly in 2015 with descriptions of the club's service projects, the scholarship program, a history of the club and membership information (<https://web.jhu.edu/jhuwomansclub>).

The club supported the Barclay Elementary School program with volunteers to the library program and reading programs until 2017 when the school hired a librarian. The remaining funds earmarked for Barclay were donated to the Village Learning Place in memory of club member Esther Bonnet, a decades' long dedicated and hardworking Barclay Elementary School volunteer. The club was an early supporter of The East Baltimore Community School (Henderson-Hopkins) and contributed to its Learning Library in 2011. Club members also supported the Village Learning Place in Charles Village with grants and donations to their library and after school programs (an ongoing service project as of 2022).

In 2018 the club received a generous donation from Madelyn Daniels, former club president (1981-1983), which allowed the club to increase the annual scholarship award by an extra \$500 (total \$2000) for a five-year period. Reviewing the club's treasurer reports from 1971 to 2021, the club awarded \$45,820 in scholarships to Johns Hopkins University students.

Since 2004 the total number of members ranged between 75 to 100 members. The number of interest groups also declined to three (French, German, book) by 2019. A walking group started in late 2020. An annual series of programs kept members engaged with speakers and visits to such places as the Peabody Library, Hampton Museum,

and the Evergreen Museum for the fall coffee. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 introduced club members to the virtual world via Zoom. Since October 2020, speakers such as Dr. Karen Swartz in Johns Hopkins Medicine Psychiatry, Charles Duff of Jubilee Baltimore, Dr. Jean Baker professor emerita of Goucher College, Mr. Johns Hopkins of Baltimore Heritage and a virtual tour of Washington D.C.'s Pennsylvania Avenue, engaged members with exciting topics and stories.

To commemorate the 90th anniversary, club members contributed to a fund to “adopt” the book, Mules and Men by Zora Neale Hurston, for the George Peabody Library’s rare book collection. The book was chosen to assist the library in its efforts to increase the number of its rare books with subject matter related to diversity and inclusion. The celebration of the 90th anniversary of The Woman’s Club of The Johns Hopkins University delayed for two years due to the pandemic will be celebrated May 13, 2022 at The Elkridge Club at which time the updated history of the club will be presented.

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