



Rochester Junior *W* **Woman's Club**
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Rochester Junior Woman's Club Celebrates 55 Years In the Community!

Rochester, MI (May 3, 2011) --.On April 21st, the Rochester Junior Woman's Club celebrated their 55th anniversary at the Rochester Community House. Along with the current club members, approximately 20 past presidents and club members attended the event.

The celebration began at 6:30 with a social hour that included group photos of the past presidents. Appetizers and light refreshments were served while guests viewed tables displaying items of club memorabilia, event programs, club and community awards; even the famous Red Stocking Revue "legs" were on display. Videos of past Red Stocking Revues were played in the background providing great entertainment and amusement to all in attendance.

At 7:30 the festivities officially began with a champagne toast to the club's 55 years in the community, more than 1 million hours of community service and more than \$735,000.00 donated to local charities and organizations!

The guests were welcomed and program began as special guest and local author (and husband of past president Candy Lytle), Bob Lytle read a poem he had written for a Red Stocking Revue. Following this, past president Toni Wiley provided a colorful walk down memory lane, noting the significant changes that have occurred in the world since 1956 along with those we have seen here in our community because of the accomplishments of the women, past and present, who have unselfishly given of their time, talents and support to the Rochester Community over the past 55 years.

The club also honored two of their current members who are celebrating 25 years in the club, Kris Nicholson and Jane Chapoton. Members also took a moment to remember four of their members who had passed away since the last anniversary; Rhonda Jayroe, Toni McCloud, Betty Prescott and Lori Roberts.

In a special tribute to the club, each of the past presidents in attendance took a few minutes to share what RJWC has meant to them as well as special memories from their year as Club President. Presidents began in order of their Presidency, Pauline Bordine Schafer kicked things off with club memories from the late 70's, followed by Candi Schwark, Candy Lytle and Grace (Wiseman) Norton covering the 80's, Wendy Waldrep, Cathy Sage, Nancy Kamman and Debbie Glennan spoke about club activities during the 90's. Chris Leiss led the group into the new millennium, followed by Toni Wiley, Patty Walket, Lynn Marie Oates, Pat Bruneel, Jeanette Mixon and Michelle Vitale. Although the club has changed through the years along with its members, the one thing that held true as each of the past presidents spoke was the special place the club holds in their hearts, the life long friends they have made and their ongoing dedication to the community.

The Rochester Junior Woman's Club is very proud to have been serving the community since 1956. In it's early years, RJWC participated in launching many local landmarks including Crittenton Hospital, Rochester Hills Public Library, Rochester Community House and the OPC to name a few.

RJWC is often most remembered for their performances of the Red Stocking Revue, a variety show with many local community members who participated for many years. The last Red Stocking Revue was held in 2001, the club's 45th anniversary.

Over the past few years, RJWC has supported the new OPC facility, renovation projects at Meadow Brook Hall, Rochester Neighborhood House, South Oakland Shelter, Band of Angels, Avon Players, and Rochester Community House.

RJWC currently provides hands on services to our seniors by serving meals and helping at special events at the OPC, two scholarships through the Greater Rochester Foundations are awarded annually; they actively volunteer at Paint Creek Center for the Arts and participate in Relay for Life. The Emeritus Group sponsors an annual card party to raise funds for the Crittenton Hospital Auxiliary camisole program for mastectomy patients.

Proceeds from this year's events will go to Blessings in a Backpack, Rochester PTA Council's Rachel's Challenge Program and the Stoney Creek Schoolhouse Interpretation at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

Rochester Junior Woman's Club welcomes new members all year long. Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month, September through May at the Rochester Community House at 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more information about the club please contact Marianne Koller at 248-608-8108 or mbkoller@aol.com. You can also visit their website at www.rhpl.org/tjwc/. You can also follow us on Facebook at "Rochester Junior Woman's Club."