

1980-81

Our League was honored by two distinguished awards: The Lycoming County Historical Society sponsored us for the Distinguished Historian Award from the North Central Pennsylvania Historical Association; and the Lycoming County Medical Society made us a three-time winner of the Benjamin Rush Award, for continuous service to the health of the community. Focus on Women "snowed" on us, therefore, canceling a panel discussion featuring Phyllis Newman along with other local women panelists. The new admission procedures seemed to satisfy all - a class of nearly forty new members was invited to join us. The Bloodmobile was handled entirely by the Provisionals for the first time. Child Advocacy Committee had its problems and was subsequently dropped at the end of the year. Community Research Committee worked diligently and successfully brought us the Young People's Theatre, Wise Options for Women, and Grantsmanship. Finance took a new look and educated all of us throughout the year. They also initiated an investigation to look for a new building for Junior League's use locally. Information Council investigated the possibilities of the Exchange Mart moving to a new location. Public Relations/Lecture Volunteers became one committee. Our new book THE ONE ROOM SCHOOL- LYCOMING COUNTY'S LEGACY is now in print and selling like hot cakes! Our socials had us to Dunwoody, roller skating with the family and to the Community Theatre for some very enjoyable times. The Exchange Mart contributed \$16,500 to the Community Trust Fund. The Community Trust Fund contributed \$1,800 to the Crippled Children's Society, \$6,000 for the Young People's Theatre Company, and \$10,000 to Wise Options for Women. Community Council offered two new placements - Young People's Theatre Company and Grantsmanship in Action. Last but not least, we had a visit from two AJL representatives, Mary DeKuyper and Barb Whitney. This entire visit was most educational, enlightening and enjoyable.

1981-1982

This was a busy, productive year for our Junior League. With the adoption of the Future Plan, many committees and the Councils began to implement the plan. Through By-Laws changes, the Ad Hoc status of the Councils was eliminated. Membership Council established Short Term and Extended leaves in time for our membership to use them for this placement year. Communications Council recommended dividing the duties of the Meetings Committee between the Education and Public Relations Committee - this plan is in effect now. Community Council used the vote of the general membership for the first time ever to determine what placements the Junior League should be involved in during the 1982-83 placement year. The Provisionals took charge of the Bloodmobile again this year. It was a very successful visit with 225 pints of blood collected. Grantsmanship Committee helped the young People's Theatre group obtain a \$125 grant to assist with their production of "Hamlet". The Leaglet was self-sustaining. A dues raise was effective for the 1982-83 fiscal year. Placement was able to give a large percentage of the membership their first placement choice. Nominating selected the largest field ever to attend various conferences - twenty-five in all. As a free placement, Carol Sides was the Manager of the Susquehanna Valley Symphony Orchestra.

1982-83

"Flexibility" was the keyword. Community Research presented placements working with community organizations where league members could volunteer within their own time schedule and no volunteers were promised. Mary Fran Liddell served as Area II Council Member. Nominating selected thirty-three delegates to various conferences. Public Affairs presented a panel discussion of social and criminal problems while driving under the influence of alcohol. The Exchange Mart made a profit of \$29,550.29. Our League submitted a By-Law change to AJL to enable one to go

sustaining after ten active years - it became a resolution. Newsheet realized a profit for the first time. Public Relations published a second printing of ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE book. The Provisionals- sponsored Bloodmobile collected 284 pints of blood, and the Provisional Toy Sale earned \$1,321.02. (Had a class of twenty-two Provisionals.) Our social was aboard the Hiawatha. Education offered a successful "Stress Management" seminar. Our league hosted a Fall Cluster Meeting for eight area leagues. This year's new placements: The Children's Discovery Workshop (a portable hands-on exhibit), Junior Great Books, Wise Options for Women and C.H.I.P. (Community Health Improvement Program) all proved to be successful as well as rewarding for those involved. Our Focus Areas were Child Welfare and Cultural Enrichment. Projects presented and passed were: The Nutcracker, Susquehanna Valley Symphony (\$2,400 given towards salary for their manager), and the Toy Train (\$5,100 given to build a running train display). Through Membership Council, the age of admission to our League was changed from thirty-six to thirty-eight, and Advisory Status was instituted as an alternative for a ten-year Active.

1983-84

This was the year of our Fifty-fifth Anniversary. It was recognized in many special ways throughout the year, beginning with a brunch to honor community members who have helped us with our projects during the past five years. The Education Committee developed a Chairman's Training Manual as well as initiating a training month, which included four different programs presented at five training sessions. In order to develop greater flexibility and establish a corps of trainers for JLW, a system of Mart credit for non-committee members who conduct training sessions was begun. Public Affairs joined forces with the West Branch Drug and Alcohol Commission to plan five town meetings and panel discussions around two television segments on chemical abuse. A new display centered on the five senses was added to the Children's Discovery Workshop. Its reputation continued to grow as it moves this summer to the Y.W.C.A. Annex. Community Research, along with the Finance Committee, developed a Community Opportunity Fund for agencies that need our resources, but not necessarily our womanpower. The Leaglet ended up the year self-sustaining and gave a tidy sum to JLW treasury. The Exchange Mart gave \$20,500 to the CTF and moved to a new location at 314 West Fourth Street. In conjunction with the Exchange Mart Committee, Public Relations researched and designed a permanent sign for the Mart. This sign shows which community agencies have received money earned from the Mart each year. Public Relations also up-dated the slide presentations of the WEST FOURTH STREET STORY and CHANGING SCENES OF LYCOMING COUNTY, and presented twenty-nine slide lectures throughout the year. Junior Great Books was active in seven area schools, with a total of fifty-eight volunteers having now been trained. This was the first year for partial placements for provisionals. The provisionals sponsored a successful Bloodmobile in October, and a successful Service Auction in February. Joan Evans was slated for Area Council. Sixteen delegates were sent to conferences throughout the year. The three councils had a very busy year. Community Council's main area of progress was the clarification that the total membership must make the final decision on community projects each year. Membership Council helped to establish a core of forty-six sustainers to work at the Mart; and along with Admissions-Provisionals proposed a change to non-secret admissions and the elimination of the residency requirement, which were both passed by the membership. Communication council up-dated the board manuals. The Finance Committee evaluated combination of funds. The Board voted to combine our funds, to modify the Trust Document, and to amend the By-Laws, all effective April 1, 1994.

1984-85

During this fifty-sixth year of service to the community the league was consistent in its achievements. The councils discussed and acted upon many issues. Membership Council recommended that the Admissions/Provisional Committee become a sign up instead of an elected committee, and also recommended the elimination of A and B placements. Community Research had a moratorium on a new project. Their main thrust was the Community Opportunity Fund. The Education Training Committee offered MBO training, a November Training Month, and assisted the many other committees and councils. The Exchange Mart began with a new location and manager and ended with a big profit. The Leaglet again served everyone's needs. The Organizational Self-Assessment was conducted. Public Affairs actively supported legislation concerning children. A social held in the spring was a great success. The Children's Discovery Workshop moved into its new location, added tours and birthday parties. The Junior Great Books Program, the Bloodmobile, and the Restructure Committee are functional and should be congratulated on their accomplishments. Twenty Women became new members and twenty-one members attended conferences and seminars.

1985-86

1985-86 was the year to look to the future - with three separate, but interrelated five-year future plans offered to the membership for approval - for the entire league, for the Mart, and for CDW. The Mart continued to become more flexible and highlighted its year with a thirtieth birthday celebration. In the seventeen years the League has been involved, we have grossed over \$1,100,000, \$200,000 of it going directly into financing League projects. Because of our new council structure, nominating for the first time single-slated our entire Board, plus they sent a record number of forty-two delegates to fourteen different conferences. Education provided seventeen workshops, eight of which were held during November training month. Our first-ever Placement fair was a fun-filled success. Workshops for area school administrators were presented to heighten their awareness of the need for child sexual abuse prevention education. CDW continued to broaden its program with additional birthday parties and workshops. Midway through the year we were invited by the Lycoming County Historical Society Museum to move into the Carriage House and to join their program. After much negotiation, deliberation, and education of the membership about the pros and cons of such a move, the membership voted unanimously at a specially called meeting in May to go ahead with such a merger, committing \$75,000 and manpower over the next five years.

1986-87

1986-87 was a year of new beginnings for the Junior League of Williamsport. It was the first year under the new structure, the first year in the second five-year future plan and the first year with a new Admission/Provisional training structure. After the realization that the move to the carriage house was impossible, Children's Discovery Workshop once again began the search for a space with a partnership. The committee continued to develop programs and exhibits, a slide show was completed to recruit volunteers and market CDW, approximately thirty grant possibilities were worked on and outreach programs were offered to the community. In March the membership voted to commit \$62,600.00 to the CDW project over the next five years and in April JLW voted to move to the residency of the YMCA pending funding for renovations. In May the Junior League's Children's Discovery Workshop Project received a demonstration project award from the Williamsport Foundation to renovate the lobby and the second floor of the YMCA residency. The Exchange Mart began a second three-year lease; a profitable toy sale (\$1,215.11) was held; a slide

show was developed for a public relations and volunteer recruitment tool; the Jean Heath Memorial Fund was established; commission accounts were changed to 50% - 50%; raises were given to all employees; the membership was once again asked to give six shifts at the Mart for '87-'88; JL members can now mark their own clothing and mark-downs were eliminated; the Mart contributed \$11,000 to the Junior League General Fund; and volunteer hours at the Mart totaled 6,843! Finance conducted a three-year forecasting project resulting in a no-increase budget for '87-'88. Applications for new provisionals are now available year-round with the deadline being September 30th for winter provisional training. A new Ways and Means Committee was established. Nominating redesigned the experience profiles and sent twenty-four delegates to ten different conferences. A first-ever-training brochure was developed and mailed to Junior League members by the Educational Committee. Also, a media panel discussion with local representatives from radio, TV, and local newspapers was offered to the public and very well received. New By-Laws were written to accommodate the change in the structure of Admissions/Provisional, to increase the admitting age of the provisional to thirty-nine, revision in advisory status, deletion of the limit of candidates a member can be involved with, and the official adoption of the new purpose statement. The Public Relations committee had a portable tabletop display board constructed and planned a "Come and be Counted Celebration" during National Volunteer Week to honor all community volunteers. Newspaper, radio and TV covered the celebration. Representatives from 160 County agencies and organizations were invited to sign an Honor Roll designed by Carol Wagner. A child abuse manual was compiled and distributed to related agencies and schools. The 1986 Fall State Public Affairs Meeting was hosted by the Public Affairs Committee in September. Public Affairs Chairman, Wendy Kelsey, was elected SPAC Chair-elect for Pennsylvania for 1987-88. The new council structure was designed to provide more opportunities for leadership and decrease administrative time requirements of chairmen and some executive positions. All councils were to meet to provide a support system within their own areas, to provide a sounding board for new ideas and problem solving, to work on policies and procedures, to define job descriptions, to do budgeting and financial forecasting. The JL again sponsored a very successful Bloodmobile. The level of participation was an individual member decision. Two Ad Hoc Committees were formed. One Committee will study the profitability of the Exchange Mart. The second Ad Hoc Committee will be working on centralizing materials and resources for JLW. A fall luncheon hosted the Community Advisors and a job description was formulated to help define the League's expectations of this position. In March the Association honored JLW with Jeanne Berdik for a small league visit. The visit led into a strategizing session by the membership at the April meeting and an action plan for growth in the months ahead.

1987-88

Leadership is learned and the dual benefit of our activities, learning and contributing, served as a theme. Children's Discovery Workshop, our project to provide our community with an environment where children and adults together learn by discovery, was the focus as we collaborated with the YMCA, the Williamsport Foundation, and the United Way. The Y and JLW signed a five-year legal agreement calling for the creation of a CDW Advisory Board composed of four League members and four Y members who would jointly nominate seven community members to complete the board. This Advisory Board was oriented to CDW's philosophy and history, elected officers, adopted By-Laws, and continued renovating the 8500 sq. ft. Elmira and Fourth Streets. The Sun Gazette unveiled the floor plan and exhibit descriptions to the public. Over \$48,000 was raised from corporations, foundations, and businesses to underwrite the exhibits and a Director for CDW started

work June 1, CDW will reopen in August with a Grand opening in September! The CDW Committee held events for Ways Garden Art Show, Mother's Day at Loyal Plaza, an AAUW Holly Trail, and entered a float in the Boom Festival Parade. "Amazing You," a four-day workshop, rated TV coverage and delighted 600 children. JLW gave \$20,800 to CDW and finished the year with a revenue exceeding expenses while laying a solid financial foundation for next year as a result of an auction netting \$8,900 and implementation of major changes at the Mart. A merchandise quota for Actives was instituted. A committee was formed to investigate purchasing a building for the Mart. Education was provided on volunteer/staff relations. A new manager was hired. Community brochure promoting the Mart was compiled and the Mart was given a face-lift. The Mart exceeded its pledge to the League by \$5,000! We joined the Chamber of Commerce in promoting Lycoming County to CEOs during Business and Industry Days. PR arranged a live radio interview and Public Service Announcements promoting the League's projects. A brochure marketing our abilities as effective trained volunteers was developed. JLW will have a telephone listing in 1988-89. JLW received an Honorable Mention in the AJL Public Relations Contest. Education offered eight training sessions plus CPR classes and Leadership Skills and Conflict-Management Workshops. By-Law amendments reduced the number of sponsors for Provisional Membership from three to one and created a sponsor pool. Carol McKinney made an AJL-funded Diversity Support Team Visit. Placement asked, "Where were you in 1968?" and members answered in costume and games. Placement conducted coffees and gave the first "Spark Plug Award". Twenty-two members attended seven different conferences. Twenty-two women completed the Provisional Course. Sustainers were surveyed concerning their preferred level of involvement. Community Opportunity Fund grants of \$500 each were given to Latchkey of Williamsport, the Red Cross and Multi-Disciplinary Team Board. The membership had an educational program on AIDS and a Community Board Fair. JLW agreed to serve on the North Central Sight Services Board. Growth strategies were implemented, and active demographics were updated. A committee catalogued League files and will make plans to establish an office for storing records. Carole Schultz was elected to a two-year nominating position on Area II Council. JLW attended the Williamsport Foundation's "Our Community Tomorrow" Forum. JLW gave a Scholastic Art Award, sponsored a Bloodmobile, and addressed the first Leadership Lycoming retreat on leadership in the voluntary sector. JLW was nominated for the National Red Cross "Good Neighbor Award".

1988-89

Our Sixtieth year saw Community Research introduce three new community projects for placement opportunities - AIDS, BACCHUS and Golden Ages. Three Community Opportunity Funds were approved and on September 24th, CDW reopened its doors at its new location, the YMCA. The Exchange Mart contributed \$23,500 to the General Fund, with Ways and Means raising \$1,810 and Leaglet showing a profit of \$695.10. As a result, our revenue exceeded our expenses by \$10,333.55. Placement rewrote the Placement Brochure and saw to it that 64% of the membership received their first placement choice. Public Relations printed the third edition of the WEST FOURTH STREET STORY. Membership Development gave us six new actives. Nominating computerized the experience sheets and sent twenty-one delegates to conferences. And the Bloodmobile netted 117 pints for the Red Cross. Four Ad Hoc Committees existed, a Standing Rule change increased membership eligibility to women aged twenty-one to forty and the membership enjoyed a "semi-progressive" dinner social for a finale.

1989-90

We had a year of wide-ranging and increased community action. Three new community projects were initiated, addressing such issues as AIDS (AIDS Speakers Project), the elderly (Golden Ages), and alcohol abuse in young adults (BACCHUS). The League continued its longstanding commitment to its Children's Discovery Workshop project, in collaboration with the YMCA. A new book was published, DISCOVER LYCOMING COUNTY.