CLUBS AND CIVIC GROUPS

Pictured here are some of the membership of the Bryn Mawr Men's Club in 1969 at time of participation in the Golden Jubilee activities. Left to right, Seated: Richard L. Hundstad, Charles H. Shank, C. N. Works, Fred W. Kirschman, Richard E. Wise, Russell E. Fox, Fred B. Ziesehneim, Pres., Frank R. Garner, Secy-Treas. Left to right, Standing: Cecil W. Kelley, Edwin J. Martin, William G. Kerr, Robert N. Wenzel, T. E. Browne, Asa Bentley, Kenneth M. Hughes, Lester H. Defibaugh, Charles E. Bickham, Loxley J. Bowker, Edgar J. Lewis, Stanley W. Addy, George A. Deemer, John G. Bender, J. Ray Witt, Edward H. Lamberger.

Active Membership Not Pictured: John H. Anderson, Frank C. Ashe, R. C. Berguall, Harry J. Bishoff, William F. Bowers, Robert J. Campbell, Charles P. Carpenter, Paul G. Caswell, Arthur R. Corvino, William F. Fetterman, Leslie E. Frost, William K. Hanley, Benjamin I. Hayford, Paul N. Hershorin, George W. Hewitt, Walter H. Ions, Sverre Krotseng, Jr., Beveridge Mair, H. E. McCartney, Carl J. Nim, Jr., Carl Olson, A. W. Payne, James E. Perryman, Chester Raczkowski, Robert C. Scanlon, Robert K. Scott, John W. Shepherd, William G. Smock, Michael Sowiski, H. Richard Squires, Michael G. Tury, Vincent C. Vogel, S. M. Wickersham, Floyd Wilson, George M. Woods.

1914 – BRYN MAWR MEN'S CLUB

Bryn Mawr Men's Club was organized November 30, 1914 and thus is the oldest club in our Borough.

OFFICERS–1915

President . . . . . **Mr. Wheeler**
Vice President . . . . . **Mr. Schooley**
Secretary/Treasurer . . . . . **Mr. Bailey**

and

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Ferree Mr. Ritzel Mr. Graham Bright

This men's club has been continuously active throughout all these years. The unbroken history of this club is due largely to its continued active interest in civic affairs, and because the monthly meetings are held in the members' homes.

The club has actively cooperated with Borough Council in determining proper action in matters concerning Bryn Mawr. The Councilman from this district has always been a member of this Club and submits reports on council matters at the monthly club meetings. The district member of the School Board was also a club member and made regular reports.

For many years, the Club sponsored a Bryn Mawr Boy Scout troop and Cub pack.

The major social activity of the club is planning and serving the annual Community Corn Roast the Saturday after Labor Day. In 1968, the 52nd such event was held with some 450 residents partaking of the man-prepared food . . . corn on the cob, hot dogs, sandwiches, lemonade, coffee and ice cream. The price originally was one dollar per family and now is $2.50. Reports say the event was rained out only once!

1969 OFFICERS

President . . . . . **F. B. Ziesenheim**
Vice President . . . . . **J. W. Shepherd**
Secretary/Treasurer . . . . . **F. R. Garner**

1920 – WOMAN'S CLUB OF BRYN MAWR FARMS

On October 15, 1920, the Bryn Mawr Woman's Club was organized; in 1922 this name was changed to what is now known as the Woman's Club of Bryn Mawr Farms.

OFFICERS–1920

President . . . . . **Mrs. Edgar R. Sampson**
Vice President . . . . . **Mrs. H. A. Travers**
Secretary/Treasurer . . . . . **Mrs. J. Wilson Brown**

Membership requirements are set out in Article III of the By-Laws as follows: "Residents of Bryn Mawr, and in addition all residents of Glasgow Road north of 308 Glasgow Road, and all residents of Fieldcrest Drive, and also residents of Sherwood Road from the present Bryn Mawr boundary as far as the cemetery shall be eligible for membership."

The object of the Club is to "develop the educational, civic and social interest of its members and to advance **community welfare.**" Accordingly through the years the Club has given generously to many charities, besides helping area families who were in distress. Cash gifts are given each room at the Woodside School at Christmas. The Club also sponsors a Girl Scout Troop. For many years it took care of the planting at Bryn Mawr entrance.

1969 OFFICERS

President . . . . . **Mrs. F. W. Rotthoff, Jr.**
Vice President . . . . . **Mrs. S. Krotseng, Jr.**
Recording Secretary . . . . . **Mrs. H. A. Harrison**
Treasurer . . . . . **Mrs. William Walter**
Assistant . . . . . **Mrs. Charles Shank**
Corresponding Secretary . . . **Mrs. Cecil W. Kelley**

1926 – THE BRYN MAWR MOTHERS' CLUB

The Club was organized in 1926 by Mrs. L. E. Frost with eleven members. Its purpose to discuss methods of raising our children. Money was raised in various ways and given to different charities. Now after forty-three years, the original club is down to twelve active members.

1969 Chairman . . . . . **Mrs. Edgar J. Lewis**

1931 – THE BRYN MAWR JUNIOR MOTHERS' CLUB

The Club was organized October 1931.

OFFICERS

President . . . . . **Mrs. E. S. Connor**
Secretary/Treasurer . . . . . **Mrs. A. E. Pinder**

The purpose of the Club is to promote the welfare of our children, and to provide recreation for the mothers.

Our projects over the years have been child and civic welfare, sponsoring a Brownie Troop, and at Christmas time to give gifts to homes for old and young and also to needy individuals. Our membership numbers thirty-four.

1969 OFFICERS

President . . . . . **Mrs. Robt. C. Scanlon**
Secretary/Treasurer . . . . . **Mrs. P. N. Hershorin**

1948 – MOTHERS' LEAGUE OF BRYN MAWR FARMS, Chapter I

The Mothers' League of Bryn Mawr Farms was organized in 1948 by L. M. Liken (Joy) who also became its first president.

In 1950 the Club took over the Santa Claus project from the Junior Mothers' Club. For the next 15 Christmas eves every child in Bryn Mawr, under 9, had a visit from Santa Claus in his own home, and got a small gift from him.

Christmas eve was an exciting time for the children. There are a number of grown men and women, still living in Bryn Mawr, young parents themselves now, who will vouch for it.

In 1960 the project was regretfully abandoned. Since then, the club has helped AFS, the School for Exceptional Children, and Girl Scouts.

The Club is limited to 22 members. In 1950 it was necessary to form a second chapter. Mrs. David Bright became it First President.

By 1956 a third chapter had to be added. Its first president was Mrs. C. C. Li.

There it stands today. The Mothers' League is a social club of 65 women whose common interests are their children and their belief in neighborliness.

1969 OFFICERS

President . . . . . **Lore Keffer**
Vice President . . . . . **Dottie Boyle**
Secretary . . . . . **Evelyn Koch**
Treasurer . . . . . **Dorothy Dase**

1950 – MOTHERS' LEAGUE OF BRYN MAWR, Chapter II

The Mothers' League of Bryn Mawr was originally formed in 1948 to promote fellowship among the mothers of Bryn Mawr. Due to increased membership, Chapter II was organized in 1950. First meeting–October 5, 1950.

OFFICERS

President . . . . . **Mrs. David W. Bright**
Vice President . . . . . **Mrs. Everett Stetson**
Secretary/Treasurer . . . **Mrs. William S. Johnston**

The chapter has supported many community projects over the years, such as Brownies, Scouts, and AFS Students. In addition we make tray favors for the patients at Western Pennsylvania Psychiatric Hospital every Christmas and have recently "adopted" a girl at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, for whom we provide extra gifts and visits on birthdays and holidays.

1969 OFFICERS

President . . . . . **Mrs. Fred Rotthoff, Jr.**
Vice President . . . . . **Mrs John H. Anderson**
Secretary . . . . . **Mrs. Michael G. Tury**
Treasurer . . . . . **Mrs. W. G. Young**

1956 – MOTHERS' LEAGUE OF BRYN MAWR, Chapter III

The Club was organized in 1956.

OFFICERS

President . . . . . **Mrs. Clara Li**
Vice President . . . . . **Mrs. Mary Frain**

The purpose of our organization is to promote friendship in our neighborhood. Three times a year our chapter joins the other two chapters for joint social affairs. Our main project each year is earning money to donate to the Wilkinsburg School for Retarded Children. We have twenty-two members.

1969 OFFICERS

President . . . . . **Mrs. Phyllis Fine**
Vice President . . . . . **Mrs. Julia Bumba**
Secretary . . . . . **Mrs. Eddie Vassamillet**
Treasurer . . . . . **Mrs. Helen Furjanic**

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1965 – THE EVERGREENS

One of the newer organizations in the borough was organized for **retired** Forest Hills residents and is sponsored by the Women's Club of Forest Hills whose Club House at Avenue L is also their headquarters.

Requirements for membership are simple in that any resident of the borough who is 60 years of age or over is eligible, as well as other retired persons.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month with various programs and on the fourth Tuesday for cards. Meetings are at 1 p.m. and anyone interested is welcome to join with the senior citizens. The meetings are informal as to programs and include such get-togethers as the traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Brunch.

1969 – President – Joe Rudman

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1968 – HUMAN RELATIONS

Forest Hills Area Coordinating Committee to HUMAN RELATIONS

During January and February of 1968, an inter-faith dialogue series entitled "Human Concern: A Bridge To Understanding," was held in the Borough. With the aid of outstanding leaders of the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths, the series explored the relevance of the various religious heritages to current social problems and inter-personal relationships. Upon completion of the series, several attendees expressed a desire to have some kind of community action organization. After several informal meetings were held to formulate goals and purposes, the Forest Hills Area Coordinating Committee for Human Relations was organized in June of 1968.

The purpose of the Coordinating Committee is to provide opportunities to both individuals and groups who share a common concern for the elements of divisiveness present in our communities and who desire:

1. To become personally active in existing action groups,

2. To educate themselves as to the scope and depth of the divisive forces as they exist and have existed in our country and community,

3. To take part personally in projects conducted in the area of Forest Hills.

The Committee attempts to act as a clearing house and a coordinator for local activities, giving resources and personnel as requested.

The members stress their desire to find the means for strengthening their own commitment and finding answers to the question "What Can I Do?"

OFFICERS: *Herb Ginsburg* was elected as president, along with Hazel Baten, Ed Sites, Helen Toolin, Larry Vassamillet, and Fred Werner as the Steering Committee. In its first year of existence, 200 residents have signed the Membership Roll, and each of its public meetings has had an attendence between 150 and 250 people. The Coordinating Committee has supplied speakers and programs to many community organizations, and has begun to address itself to many areas of human relations which affect our lives and those of our children.

As part of the Golden Jubilee, the Coordinating Committee has sponsored a borough-wide art exhibit with the theme *"What Is a Community?"*.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF FOREST HILLS

1923 In April, 1923, the Garden Club of Forest Hills had its beginning. Twelve women, assisted by the Home Economics extension of Allegheny County, elected officers and the name then was officially "The East Edgewood Acres Garden Unit."

1926 The club ground to a halt and not until 1929 did the group pick up once again in conjunction with the National Farm and Garden Association. From then until today, it grew steadily, building a *history* which officially began in March, 1930.

1933 In 1933, the club Federated.

1938 In 1938, the name was appropriately changed to "The Garden Club of Forest Hills."

Lectures, Garden Trips, Garden Markets, Flower Shows, Horticultural Study groups and Junior Activities were the frame work of the formative years.

1932 The club library began with a book by L. H. Bailey called "Manuel of Gardening" in 1932. A Constitution was written in January, 1930, and in March, 1935, the very first year book was printed.

1934 In February, 1934, interest in Civic development was in evidence with the delegation sent to Borough Council to acquire land for the Borough Park.

Council acted to acquire 26 acres for the Forest Hills Park at the cost of $25,000, with our encouragement.

1933 The Club sent its first delegates to State Federation in October, 1933, to Rolling Rock, Pa. These women were responsible for contributing a very important portion of the curriculum of our Borough school system.

1935 We can also be credited as being one of the very first clubs to become affiliated with the new Pittsburgh Garden Center in the spring of 1935.

1940 In 1940, the present *Christmas tree* in the *Borough Park* was presented and planted by our members. We purchased the lights and paid the electric bill until the firemen took over this responsibility.

1941 to 1945 During the war years, much activity was directed to the *war effort* with *Victory Gardens* and donations of trees and money toward the Blue Star Memorial Highway. This was established as a memorial to the deceased service members of our Armed Forces. The highway is located at the Irwin entrance to the Turnpike.

1950 During the 1950's, the club contributed to the Borough Park by planting wild flowers, evergreens from the state, and forsythia.

1969 OFFICERS

President ..... Mrs. C. E. McWilliams
Vice-President ..... Mrs. R. I. Hossli
Recording Secretary ..... Mrs. Daniel M. Poore
Corresponding Secretary ..... Mrs. W. D. Connolly
Treasurer ..... Mrs. C. E. L. Johnston
Historian ..... Mrs. H. K. Saddler

DIRECTORS

Mrs. J. H. Hill
Mrs. F. R. Harbison
Mrs. W. F. Strathman

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF FOREST HILLS

1923	*Woodward, Mrs. W. R.
	*Waltz, Mrs. H. E.
	*Stone, Mrs. F. H.
	Fox, Mrs. Fred
	Scarr, Mrs. John
1930-1933	*Wynne, Mrs. Harry
1934-1936	Styer, Mrs. C. A.
1936-1938	Reddie, Mrs. W. W.
1938-1939	Jackman, Mrs. A. J.
1939-1940	Cotter, Mrs. J. L.
1940-1942	Peterson, Mrs. R. E.
1942-1944	Ludwig, Mrs. L. R.
1944-1946	Kelly, Mrs. W. P.
1946-1947	McCracken, Mrs. S. B
1947-1949	Cotter, Mrs. J. L.
1949-1950	Williamson, Mrs. C.
1950-1951	Brady, Mrs. F. W.
1951-1953	Johnson, Mrs. Floyd D.
1953-1955	Harrison, Mrs. H. C.
1955-1956	Birkby, Mrs. John
1956-1958	*Reagan, Mrs. M. E.
1958-1960	Hill, Mrs. J. H.
1960-1962	Davis, Mrs. A. I.
1962-1964	Fisher, Mrs. R. A.
1964-1966	Harbison, Mrs. F. R.
1966-1968	Strathman, Mrs. W. F.

*Deceased

1956 — LIONS CLUB

The Forest Hills Lions was organized in the Spring of 1956 under the sponsorship of the Turtle Creek Lions Club, headed by E. J. Gagliardi who took active and personal interest in sponsoring this new club.

OFFICERS — 1956

President ..... R. T. Windhorst
First Vice-President ..... A. P. Baker
Second Vice-President ..... I. A. Painter
Third Vice-President ..... E. L. Symons
Secretary ..... E. S. Bonvalot
Treasurer ..... E. F. Wiechman
Lion Tamer ..... Andrew Kovolak
Tail Twister ..... Wilbur Wright

Charter Membership

There were 36 members in Forest Hills Lionism in the Charter Year of 1956 as listed .... *underlined* names indicate the 14 charter members still active in the Lions Club.

A. P. Baker
J. E. Baldwin
E. S. Bonvalot
N. G. Chilcott
H. G. Coleman
A. A. Derzak
V. D. Dodez
E. F. Eibling
G. B. Higgins
Joe Hollowood
E. J. Incheck
E. C. Katchmar
Howard R. Keyser
A. Kovalak
R. D. Lehman
J. W. Logan
H. E. McCartney
R. O. McIntosh
W. R. McKee
M. L. Michael
G. C. Mischen
John J. Murray
Pat Norelli
I. A. Painter
H. A. Perkins
J. C. Ridgeway
Dale F. Roose
Rev. W. R. Sommerfeld
E. L. Symons
E. J. Teaman
A. S. Wentworth
L. C. Whitney
E. F. Wiechmann
R. T. Windhorst
Wilbur Wright
R. C. Yount

OFFICERS — 1969

President ..... W. R. McKee
First Vice-President ..... C. Johnson
Second Vice-President ..... Robert Alexander
Third Vice-President ..... Clair Sparks
Secretary ..... D. Fleming
Treasurer ..... M. J. Kutlenios
Lion Tamer ..... Leo Ronin
Tail Twister ..... Henry Czolba
Directors: James Kerr
James Wilson
James Walton
Pat Norelli

The Lions International exists for the purpose of cultivating service and brotherhood among the peoples of the world called Earth. The Forest Hills Lions are actively dedicated to the application of this principle and their thirteen-year history includes a performance record involving: aid to Education for the Blind, the Underprivileged, Churchill Area Students, Eye Research, and Sight Conservation programs.

The Lions support Recreation Programs for the Blind, Forest Hills Borough, local Hospitals, local Charities, American Field Service, Leukemia Fund, Eyemobile, WQED, Boy and Girl Scouts, Auberle School, and others.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Fund raising in the Lions Club is a member participation activity and most members do participate in Broom Sales, and Light Bulb Sales also. In December, Christmas Tree Sales are important and well known.

1956-1969 TOTAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

A. Community Activities $ 2,012

Forest Hills Jubilee — Student Scholarships Forest Hills Swimming Pool — C.A. H.S. Band and A-Capella Choir — Crime Prevention Pamphlets — Telephone Aid for Injured Student — Aid to Local Baseball Teams — Forest Hills P.T.A. Summer Recreation Program — Forest Hill Youth Assoc. — Barbecue Pit for Forest Hills Park

B. Boy and Girl Scouts $ 635

C. Beacon Lodge (Vacation area for the blind) $ 1,600

D. Paid Vacations at Beacon Lodge $ 573

E. Eye Glasses and Eye Examinations $ 1,059

F. For the Blind $ 3,564

Western Pennsylvania School for Blind children — Leader dogs for the blind — Eye Research Foundation — Pennsylvania Sight Conservation Foundation

G. Miscellaneous Contributions $ 3,073

WQED — Auberle School for Boys — Youth Exchange — American Field Service — Leukemia Fund — Braddock Hospital — Eye Mobile — Childrens Hospital — Columbia Hospital — Christmas Baskets — Women's Medical Guild

TOTAL $12,516

All this really adds up to cultivating service, brotherhood and love among the peoples of this world called Earth.

Minutes

Nov. 12, 1920

Seventeen ladies met at the home of Mrs. Homer Fritchman, Edgewood Ave., Friday afternoon November 12, 1920 for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Club.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Kempton that Mrs. Fritchman act as temporary Chairman. Then a general discussion followed as to what kind of a club we should have and it was decided to have a social club for the present, and to take up other work later when all were better acquainted. The Chairman appointed the following ladies on the nominating committee: Mrs. Kempton, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cypher, Mrs. Wentworth, and Mrs. Woodward. Shortly they reported the following for officers:

For President, Mrs. C. E. Skinner
" Vice " , Mrs. Wesley W. Jones
" Recording Sec., Mrs. Louis Clark
" Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Kiper
" Ass't Sec., Mrs. S. G. Hoff.
" Treasurer, Mrs. Faller.

A motion was made by Mrs. Streamer that the Chairman of the Committee cast the ballot for these officers and they were declared elected.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the home of the President on Tues. Nov. 23rd. 1920. - Mrs. Clark, Sec'y
(for Mrs. M. M. Jones)

1921 WOMEN'S CLUB OF FOREST HILLS INC.

The original Women's Club was organized in 1921. The officers were –

President	Mrs. C. E. Skinner
Vice-President	Mrs. Wesley W. Jones
Recording Sec.	Mrs. Lewis Clark
Corr. Sec.	Mrs. N. K. Kiper
Asst. Sec.	Mrs. S. G. Hoff
Treasurer	Mrs. A. L. Faller

Meetings were held in the homes. As the membership increased it was necessary to hold the meetings in the schools. The desire for a club building of its own began to become very important.

Mrs. Rena Rockwell was President in 1941-42. Under her leadership a merger of the Crescent Hills Club, Community Club of Edgewood Acres and the Woman's Club of Forest Hills took place. The Junior Club became a department of the new Club, still retaining its status in the County and State groups.

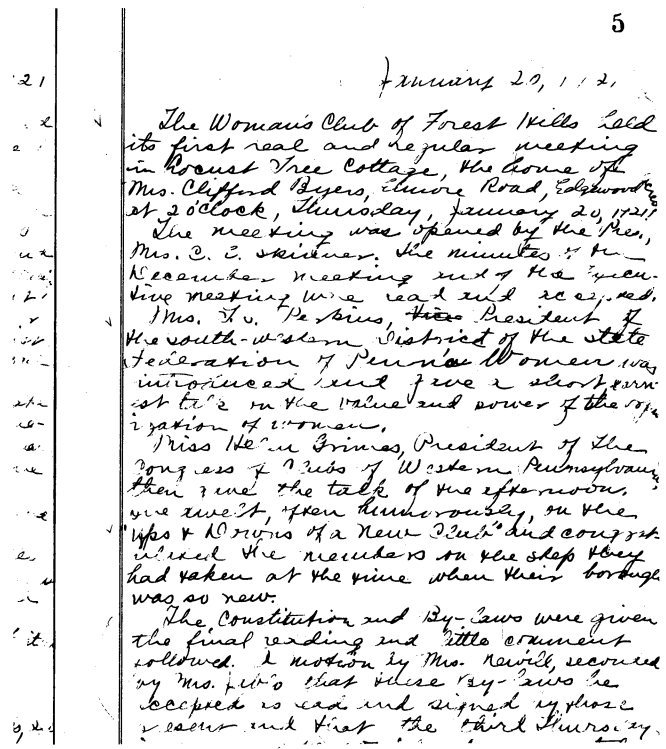
Mrs. A. G. Brandon became the first President and Mrs. A. C. Streamer was chairman of the By-Laws Committee. By September 1942 the Club was in action. The Club became a corporation in 1947.

Mrs. L. C. Mechling was President from 1948 through 1950. During these two years Mrs. Mechling stressed the new Club House. Through Mr. A. C. Streamer, Westinghouse gave the ground on Avenue L for the building. Mr. Mechling designed the building, Elmer Dickey built it. With the help of many of the members who did all the interior sanding and painting, it was completed in a short time. The new Club House was dedicated in 1950. On March 20, 1956 the burning of the mortgage of $14,000. took place.

During the ensuing years the Club has accomplished much for the community. The following are some of the activities and service projects –

Blood Bank sponsored jointly by Rotary Club and Woman's Club
Bloodmobile visits for blood donations
Book Review Breakfasts
Cancer Dressings made by the Welfare Dept.
Community Day – Fourth of July
Children's movies at Clubhouse – 3 Saturday performances
Columbia Hospital Cart Service – weekly
Columbia Hospital – furnished two rooms
Eighth Grade English awards
Evergreen Club for Senior Citizens
Forest Hills Directory – published every 3 years – 8th edition, 1968
Hospital Sewing
Library support – housed library two years
Nursery School – for four year olds, 5 days a week
Participation in many campaigns – Cancer, Easter Seal, WQED, TB, etc.
Patch the Pony project – (instructing small children in safety, and not to accept rides from strangers)
Pre-School for Retarded Children – help each Friday
Scholarships annually to a Forest Hills girl. Through 1968 $6150. was given to 22 girls

Senior Humanities Award
Seventh Grade Dancing Instruction – Jr. High Youth Dances
Sold magazines – profits to Jr. High
Square Dance for American Field Service Students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January 20, 1921.

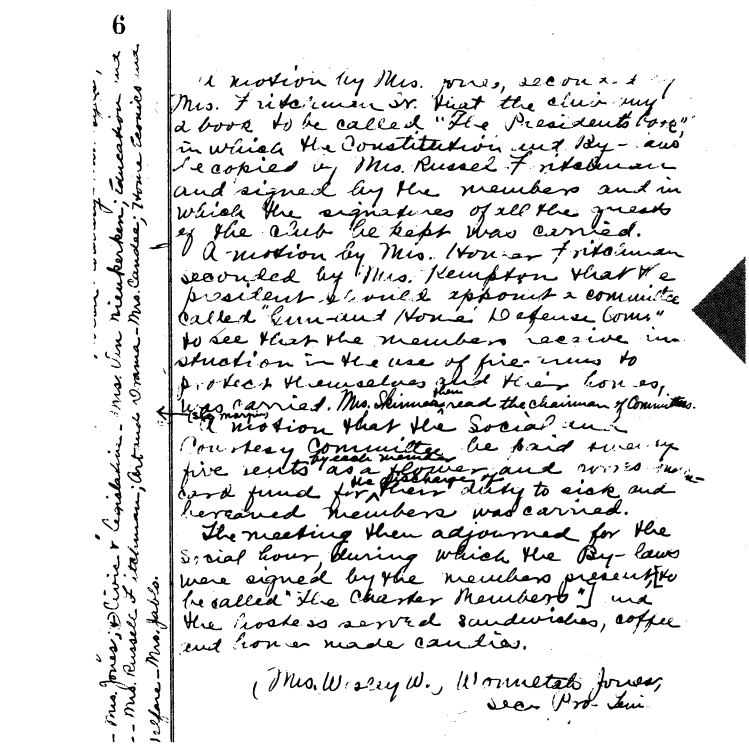
The Woman's Club of Forest Hills held its first real and regular meeting in Locust Tree Cottage, the home of Mrs. Clifford Byers, Elmore Road, Edgewood, at 2 o'clock, Thursday, January 20, 1921.

The meeting was opened by the Pres., Mrs. C. E. Skinner. The minutes of the December meeting and of the Executive meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs. H. V. Perkins, President of the south-western District of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women was introduced and gave a short talk on the value and power of the organization of women.

Miss Helen Grimes, President of the Congress of Clubs of Western Pennsylvania then gave the talk of the afternoon. She spoke, often humorously, on the "ups & downs of a new Club" and congratulated the members on the step they had taken at the time when their borough was so new.

The Constitution and By-Laws were given the final reading and little comment followed. A motion by Mrs. Newill, seconded by Mrs. Perkins that these By-Laws be accepted as read and signed by those present and that the third Thursday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A motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Fritchman Jr. that the club buy a book to be called "The President's Book" in which the Constitution and By-Laws be copied by Mrs. Russel Fritchman and signed by the members and in which the signatures of all the guests of the Club be kept was carried.

A motion by Mrs. Homer Fritchman seconded by Mrs. Hempton that the president should appoint a committee called "Fire and Home Defense Com." to see that the members receive instruction in the use of fire-arms to protect themselves and their homes, was carried. Mrs. Skinner then read the chairman of Committees.

A motion that the Social and Courtesy Committee be paid twenty five cents by each member "as a dues" and votes to be paid for the flowers sent to sick and bereaved members was carried.

The meeting then adjourned for the social hour during which the By-laws were signed by the members present to be called "The Charter Members" and the hostess served sandwiches, coffee and home made candies.

(Mrs. Wesley W. Jones,
Sec. Pro-tem

– Mrs. Jones, President – Mrs. Newill, Vice President – Mrs. Russel Fritchman, Education – Mrs. Homer Fritchman, Welfare – Mrs. Perkins.

FOREST HILLS ASSEMBLY #23 INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Instituted February 10, 1968

Constituted November 30, 1968

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was established in 1922 and has experienced many years of growth and development. It is an organization that offers many things of real value, both material and spiritual. Any girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen may petition this Order for membership. She may be of a Masonic or Eastern Star family but may be a friend of a Rainbow Girl.

Rainbow teaches ten outstanding things; the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being; the great truths in the Holy Bible; to seek dignity of character; a conception of the higher things in life; effective leadership; Church membership; patriotism; cooperation with equals; love of home, and above all, service to humanity.

Any member of the assembly may become the Worthy Advisor, who presides over the Assembly and her corp of officers. As Worthy Advisor she will not only preside over the assembly but will work and plan to make a program that will be beneficial to the entire membership. The girls attend two meetings a month whick are held at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. These meetings are conducted by the girls under the supervision of adults.

The Advisory Board and Council are composed of Eastern Star members. One member of the Advisory Board is the Mother Advisory who is closely connected with the girls and the workings of the assembly. These adults sometimes have daughters in the Rainbow but often times have no other reason to be on the Board except their love of working with the girls and offering their time and talents freely.

1926 EASTERN STAR

"Forest Hills Chapter Order of the Eastern Star was constituted May 22, 1926, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, with the following officers presiding:

Worthy Matron	Gertrude G. Painter
Associate Matron	Carrie B. Meeds
Secretary	Charlotte W. Carlisle
Treasurer	Helen S. Johnston

It is a non-profit charitable organization with a local membership of approximately 200.

The current officers are:

Worthy Matron	Mildred Stuchul
Associate Matron	Jean Chambers
Secretary	Betty Miller
Treasurer	Zelda Pearson

1964 FOREST HILLS RANGERETTES

The Forest Hills Rangerettes, a Junior Baton and Drum Corps, was organized in the Summer of 1964 by Mr. A. Caruso. The Corps is now directed by Mr. Jack Fox who has served as director since 1966.

Membership in the Corps is open to boys and girls, ages 8 to 13, who reside in Forest Hills and the immediate Churchill Area. The size of the Corps is limited to 60 members and consists of a nine-girl Color Guard, Baton Twirlers, and a Drum Section of eight boys. The Head Majorettes are: Dana Dull, Kathy Rodgers and Rhonda Ralph.

The Rangerettes participate in numerous parades and contests in which they compete with other corps and have emerged as one of leading Corps in the county placing third in the opening day parade last year at the County Fair. To meet this competition, the Corps practices a minimum of two hours each week with additional classes for the Dance Twirl Teams which are made up from the regular members of the Corps. Their instructor on twirling and marching is Miss Karen Hilinski.

The Rangerettes in a non-profit organization and supports itself through various fund raising projects.

1947 FOREST HILLS ROTARY CLUB

As was the case of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL and the many local Rotary Clubs through history, Forest Hills Rotary Club first started with a small group of business and professional men who had the idea of banding together in a Rotary Club to be established in the Forest Hills community. (1947)

Charter members of Rotary give credit to Dr. Billy Weissbach for originally thinking of such a club for Forest Hills and his initial discussions were with Accountant Harold Kirk and Attorney Lew Mai. (January 9, 1947)

Strangely enough, such a potential organization gained its first momentum in a friendly conversation around a utility pole on an East Pittsburgh corner in 1946. These few individuals included Harold Kirk, Lew Mai, Bill Weissbach (now deceased) and Tom Beswick. Along with the then District Governor, Van Churchill, these few men started an analysis of prospective members for our club.

In 1946 and 1947 there were already eight members of the East Pittsburgh Club who formed a nucleus in contacting other Forest Hills representative businessmen. Eventually *Harold Kirk* not only became the first President, but later went on to become a future District Governor. (1952 - 1953) He is the only District Governor of a Service Club to come from Forest Hills.

On April 22nd, 1947 a Charter Night Banquet was held at the Edgewood Country Club. Thus, Forest Hills Rotary – designated Club Number 6549 of District 260 – was installed. Our first President, *Harold Kirk,* accepted the Charter from District Governor H. Van Churchill. It was a gala event with about 100 in attendance from some ten or twelve clubs of our district.

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Forest Hills Rotary began its career with the 33 Charter members listed herewith:

Fred Adams
Joseph Axton
Thomas Beswick
Robert Brindley
Anthony J. Bricker
Anthony Cost
Robert N. Critchlow
(Deceased)
John Dicoskey
H. E. Haldeman
John Hartman
S. C. Hoey
D. Paul Jones
Leonard Jones
(Deceased)
Charles Kelley
Frank L. Kelley
James Kennedy
(Deceased)
Harold R. Kirk
A. L. Koch
Lewis Mai
R. W. Mallick
Stephen Nagy
John Onufer
C. Earl Park
(Deceased)
Carl Petrovich
C. Railingshafer
Albert Reiner
George Seitz
Joseph Spinelli
Herman Theilacker
(Deceased)
Andrew Uram
William Vargo
William Weissbach
(Deceased)
Walter Winnenberg

Twenty-one (21) years later — in 1969 — there are 9 of the original 33 Charter members still active today.

THE "FIRST" ROTARY YEAR

April 22, 1947 — June 30, 1948

ROTARY CLUB of FOREST HILLS ADMINISTRATION

OFFICERS:

Harold R. Kirk, President
Albert L. Koch, Vice-President
Frank L. Kelley, Secretary
Walter G. Winnenberg, Treasurer
Thomas W. Beswick, Sgt. at Arms

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Harold R. Kirk, Chairman
Albert L. Koch
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William Weissbach
S. C. Hoey

DINNER MEETINGS (Tuesday)

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church

Through the particular efforts of our Burgess, Al Koch, final arrangements were made for our Club to hold weekly Tuesday dinner meetings at the old Forest Hills Presbyterian Church on Atlantic Avenue. This fine experience and fellowship has been shared for the 17 years until 1965* in true community spirit.

*NOTE: In the administration of President Ed Haldeman (1964 - 65) the new "meeting home" of Forest Hills Rotary became the Westinghouse (Atomic Power Division) Cafeteria at the corner of Avenues D and L. Then back to Church with catered dinners and now, in 1969, at the new Plaza restaurant.

PAST PRESIDENTS

1947 . . . . . Harold R. Kirk
1948 . . . . . Albert L. Koch
1949 . . . . . James Kennedy
1950 . . . . . Anthony J. Brucker
1951 . . . . . Herschel E. Haldeman
1952 . . . . . Edward X. Hallenberg
1953 . . . . . John H. Dicoskey
1954 . . . . . John Johnescu
1955 . . . . . Guy Kleis
1956 . . . . . John H. Haldeman
1957 . . . . . Bernard A. Woods
1958 . . . . . Frank V. Kovalovsky
1959 . . . . . Stanley Thomas
1960 . . . . . Roger W. Wentworth
1961 . . . . . James Stein
1962 . . . . . A. Richard Molvin
1963 . . . . . Frederick A. Frost
1964 . . . . . Edward F. Haldeman
1965 . . . . . Leroy J. Zavada
1966 . . . . . Wade E. Eargle
1967 . . . . . Paul Henline
1968 . . . . . Harold Cline

Forest Hills Rotary supports the Rotary International Foundation and the Scholarship Program. All this is financed by assessments and contributions by Rotarians the world over to help in the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace throughout a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

Locally Rotary promotes community projects and is a co-sponsor with the Woman's Club of the *Forest Hills Area Blood Bank.*

In past years some of our projects included the WELCOME – NEW TEACHER NITE and when our School District was only Forest Hills we hosted and honored the Junior High basketball teams and cheerleaders.

Rotary supported *dental health* programs in the schools and more recently purchased and donated the *organ* in the Senior High School auditorium. As long ago as 1949, Rotary helped build the old ice skating pond in the lower section of the borough park and furnished benches. Along with the Civic Club Rotary helped build the first shelter house and rest rooms.

Rotary contributes to WQED.

Recently $600 profit from the Barber-Shop Nites and other activities were turned over to "Eastern Area School" for the purchase of school lunches, World Book Encyclopedia reference books, autotutor materials, and field trips for the children. And $300 was contributed to the Forest Hills Swimming Pool Committee for the purchase of a resuscitater for use at the pool.

Some years ago when there was a milk strike, Rotarians transported many gallons of milk from Westmoreland County to children and others in need in our borough and elsewhere.

When the Army anti-aircraft section was in action at the present site of the St. John Fisher Church on Lewin Lane, Rotary helped furnish the Serviceman's Lounge with television and other accommodations.

The Club supports and co-sponsors the annual Forest Hills Community Day and furnishes "man-power."

Rotary plays Santa Claus and conducts Christmas and other annual charitable activities with the Oliver P. Hipple Fund which was bequeathed to Forest Hills Rotary in the amount of $10,000.00 for that purpose.

During 1968 and 1969 Rotary families are having exchange visits with Leicester, England.

1923 PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

1923 Officers:
Mr. T. S. Taylor, President
Mrs. Alice C. Kempton, Vice-President
Mrs. Paul Norris, Treasurer
Mr. Paul W. Shawver, Secretary

The initial meeting of the Forest Hills Parent Teacher Association was held on November 28, 1923 in Atlantic Avenue School. The meeting was called to order by *Professor Harner*.

There has been much dedicated work accomplished by our P.T.A. in the intervening years and with so many volunteer workers, this organization has truly benefited the community.

P.T.A. with the co-operation of the School and Musical Directors have produced meaningful shows and pageants but perhaps the promotion of summer recreational programs is the best known activity.

Untiring efforts of this organization are devoted to raising the standard of home life, securing adequate laws for the care and protection of youth, and to bring in closer relation the home and the security that parents and teachers may co-operate intelligently in the training of the children.

1965 The Forest Hills Parent Teacher Association passed a resolution for the *dissolution* of the *association* in favor of individual P.T.A. units for each Borough school. Such re-organization permits better solution of questions or problems unique to each *individual school* and offers greater communication between parents and teachers.

FOREST HILLS BLOOD BANK

1958 Originally the idea of a community Blood Bank was instigated by Ed Haldeman of the Forest Hills Rotary Club in January 1958 when he was attempting to find a worthy project in the field of Community Service for the Rotary Club. About that time, the Forest Hills Woman's Club was not completely satisfied with the samll blood contributing program they had with the Columbia Hospital. Eventually, the Boards of both clubs studying the project endorsed it in the administrations of Bernie Woods, President of the Rotary Club, and Louise Harrison, President of the Woman's Club. The Blood Bank from then on has been co-sponsored as a community project.

1958 Officers:

Edward F. Haldeman, Chairman
Dorothy Patterson, Vice Chairman
Roger Wentworth, Publicity Chairman
Jina Whitney, Executive Secretary
Stanley Thomas, Financial Chairman
Marjorie Tyler, Membership Chairman
James H. Thomson, Bloodmobile Chairman
Genelle Chuska, Recording Secretary

A total of approximately 500 family donor members was attained and 120 *pints* of *blood* were collected at our first Bloodmobile visit.

The purpose of the Forest Hills Blood Bank is to establish and maintain a reserve and unlimited supply of blood with the Central Blood Bank and thereby provide for members and their families blood service here on a 24 hour basis for any type of blood free of charge.

The Blood Bank has continued in operation until the present day and the coverage was broadened under the administration of President *R. W. Wentworth* about 1963, to extend *lifetime* coverage to our Senior Citizen *members* and to cover *automatically* Golden Age residents in our borough. We further extended the coverage to *clarify definition* of *"parents"* which now include same of both husband and wife of household members wherever they live in the Continental United States.

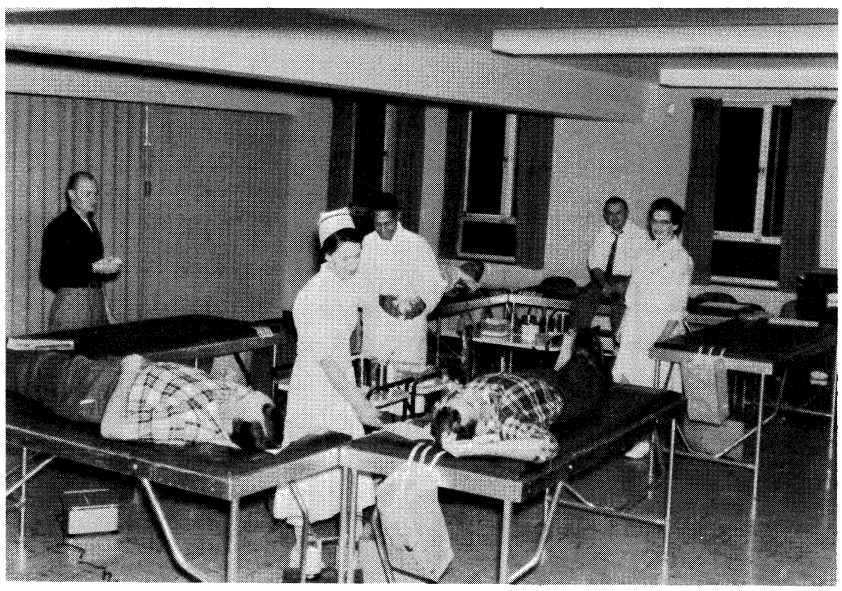
The Forest Hills Area Blood Bank won the coveted *"Benjamin Rush"* award in 1963 through the efforts of Mrs. Dorothy Patterson and Mr. Ed Haldeman.

The most recent change in the Blood Bank operations now allow persons over 60 years of age to contribute blood.

1969 Officers:

Mrs. Wm. Hogan, President
Mr. Fred Kirshman, Vice-President
Mrs. Walter Schratz, Executive Scretary
Mrs. Thomas J. McDermott, Membership Chairman
Mrs. Parks Toolin, Assistant to the Membership Ch.
Mr. John Dicoskey, Recording Secretary
Dr. James Shaler, Treasurer
Dr. L. J. Zavada, Publicity

The membership today is about 287 member families.



FOREST HILLS
BLOODMOBILE
VISIT TO THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1931 FOREST HILLS CIVIC CLUB

Officers 1931:

Mr. R. E. Aldridge, President
Mr. R. E. Ferris, Vice-President
Mr. L. W. Schad, Secretary
Mr. A. L. Brown, Treasurer

The early object of the club was to "improve the standing of the borough as a place in which to live and carry on business." In the early days, the Civic Club was very active and influential with the School Board, Council, and politics.

The Board of Directors was composed of two members elected from each of the seven geographical sections of the borough. The Standing committees were Finance, Auditing, Educational, Municipal Affairs, Social and Recreational Affairs, Publicity, Welfare, Membership, Planning, Tax Study, and Legislation. Representatives attended meetings of the School Board and Council.

1933 VOTERS' GUIDES

To air many activities and goals of this club, the organization published VOTERS' GUIDES for the electorate—similar to the work of the Women's League of Voters today.

1933 to 1934 THE CIVIC CLUB & OUR BOROUGH PARK

The Civic Club which was a borough-wide and extremely influential organization, cooperated with the Garden Club to help persuade Borough Council's move towards acquisition of the 20 acre tract of land for a *Borough Park* (Ardmore Boulevard and Braddock Road).

1934 FOREST HILLS NEWS

By 1934, the Civic Club inaugurated and published for some 20 years — the irreplaceable *Forest Hills News.*

1935 COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

On May 12, 1935 the Civics held an *open forum* for all citizens in all parts of the borough to discuss municipal problems. 300 citizens attended.

1936 BOROUGH MANAGER ISSUE

The Civic Club, particularly under committees of Dr. T. D. Yensen and Mr. R. E. Aldridge, had promoted the issue of a *Borough Manager* to the point that the council actually had meetings on these recommendations. Of course, history marched on and it was 1966 when we finally got a *Borough Manager.*

1937 "THRU" STREET CAR SERVICE

Civic Club promoted the *"Thru" Street Car Service* and along with the South East Club negotiated with the Pittsburgh Railways.

1937 WOMEN MEMBERS

The Civic Club admitted women members and *Mrs. E. H. Turnoch* was the first lady to sign up.

1938 COMMUNITY DAY

Under the leadership of *Frank L. P. Kelley* and many other leaders, the Civic Club inaugurated our first Community Day in the borough park with the proclamation by the Burgess, and it has continued in unbroken tradition until the present day.

1944 By 1944, 919 members paid Civic Club dues.

1950 to 1953 MOVIES and PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

In later years, the Civic Club sponsored successful movies at the Atlantic Avenue School and raised $300.00. It also was the first organization to purchase and have installed considerable play ground equipment in the Borough Park. With the help of Rotary, the Civic Club literally built the first rest room facilities and shelter in the park.

The Civic Association demonstrated that a few hundred dollars invested in equipment can pay ample dividends in recreation. At this time, Council budgeted very little money for the Borough Park.

1952 MINSTREL SHOW

A Minstrel Show was produced and was a tremendous success.

1952 SWIMMING POOL ISSUE

In later years, the Civic Club worked hard with a Swimming Pool Committee which was very active, even though our Forest Hills Swimming Pool did not have its first splash-down until 1968.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

For some years, they purchased and erected annually Christmas trees in the borough park, and decorated them for the Holiday Season.

At one time the Civic Club considered *Christmas tree sales,* but before the Lions made it an annual project. However, the organization bowed to the protest of the merchants in those days who sold Christmas trees in the business section of the borough.

1959 The war days, and later the formation of the Lions and Rotary Service Clubs drew off manpower and caused a general decline of the Civic Club and by 1959, it was quite inactive.

1966 The Civic Club was reactiviated and in addition of the Community Day celebration on the 4th of July, activated Halloween parades and the 12th Night Christmas tree burnings now contemporary traditions of the Civic Club today which is operated by Board direction.

1968 - 69 OFFICERS

President ..... Herbert Ginsburg
Vice-President ..... Francis DeCesare
Secretary ..... James Frain
Treasurer ..... Ronald Bentz

BOY SCOUTING in Forest Hills

BOY SCOUTS: (ages 11-17) *BOYPOWER* is the new theme of scouting – America's manpower begins with BOYPOWER.

1920 The first troop in Forest Hills was organized September 20, 1920 and sponsored by the Bryn Mawr Welfare Club, and there has been a healthy growth over the years. Harry M. Ryder was Scoutmaster. Members of the Troop Committee were H. A. Troners, Graham Bright, and W. C. Houston.

1925 In 1925 the Men's Brotherhood of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church became the sponsor.

1931 Troop 83 was registered in 1931, sponsored by Bryn Mawr Welfare Club. George R. Hurrel was Scout Master and C. W. Shearer was Troop Committee Chairman. This troop was dropped in 1960.

1932 Troop 90 was registered in 1932 and sponsored by the Men's Club of Edgewood Acres. Fred Hastings was Scout Master and Ralph W. Bowlin was Troop Committee Chairman.

1940 The troop was renumbered Troop 42 by East Borough's Council Boy Scouts of America in 1940. It was registered as Troop 1 at that time.

1953 Troop 96 was registered in 1953, sponsored by the Hope Lutheran Church. Victor Smoose was Scout Master. In 1958, this troop was combined with Troop 98.

1956 Troop 98 was registered in 1956 and sponsored by the Atlantic Avenue P.T.A. F. J. Bearinger was Scout Master and R. A. Cupper was Troop Committee Chairman.

1958 Troop 105 was first registered in 1958, and sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Maurice Church.

1969 At present, and the 59th Anniversary of Scouting in America, there are now four Scout Troops and four Cub Packs registered in Forest Hills. Troops 42 and 90 and Packs 42 and 90 are sponsored by the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. Troop 98 is sponsored by the Atlantic Avenue P.T.A. Troop 105 and Pack 105 are sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Maurice Church. Pack 83 is sponsored by Bryn Mawr Men's Club.

The energetic participation of the dedicated leaders in scouting programs has influenced the lives of Forest Hills boys fine character building.

Joe Garity – Scoutmaster of Troop 42 for 14 years also trained adult scout leaders. Herb Ginsberg – Pack 90 – Scoutmaster Tom Cametti, R. H. Runk, Dale Roose, M. S. Goodlin, Carl Fink, Graham Bright, O. F. Rowe – all served on East Borough Scout Council in 1955.

Graham Bright, honored in 1953, was one of the originators of East Borough Group in 1921.

1939 O. F. Rowe – Scout Commissioner in 1939.

1945-1948 CAMPOREE – From 1945-1948 the *Boy Scouts* of the East Borough's Council held a Camporee each year in the area now known as Parkway Heights. About 1000 Scouts attended. Later they camped out on the site of the present Churchill Area High School (formerly the Minnik farms).

1965 Explorer Post organized for High School age boys – David Runk was Explorer Advisor.

Nate Chilcott is the Dean of Scouting at present in Forest Hills.

GIRL SCOUTS

1921-22 Apparently the first Girl Scout Troops were formed in these years in Ardmore, Bryn Mawr, and Edgewood Acres. Some of the early leaders in the first Troop 122 (143) of Edgewood Acres were: Mrs. Ethelyn Streamer Mechesney, Agnes Schmidt, and Mrs. Porter Brace.

1926 ,The Girl Scout Troop #112 was organized in Bryn Mawr Farms in 1926 under the leadership of Mrs. Floyd Moon. The Troop is still active.

1935 Troop 319, Woodland Hills, was organized from the Bryn Mawr Farms Troop #112. *Mrs. M. C. Plack* was the first leader with Mrs. A. W. Kimball. Eighteen scouts were registered in the first year, and the Junior Woman's Club of Forest Hills sponsored the membership ranging as high as 30 scouts. This troop was disbanded in 1942.

The first girl scout troop organized in Ardmore met at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, then on Atlantic Avenue. They had wooden, two-room houses for "sleep outs" on the western side of the Westinghouse Recreation Center on Barkley Avenue. Mrs. J. C. Hartman was the leader. Mrs. Roose joined scouting in 1935.

For many years the Girl Scouts conducted Day Camps in the summer in the Borough. *Mrs. E. H. Lamberger* was in charge of the first one held here in 1935 at the grove on Cherry Valley Rd. As the numbers increased the Day Camp was held in the Borough Park through the summer of 1967. Active in this group was Mrs. Porter Brace, Mrs. Dale Roose, and Mrs. George Pickels.

1969 Since early history Forest Hills has been very active in girl scout activities. There are now 19 girl scout troops in all:

Seven – Brownies ..... (second and third graders)
Eight – Junior ..... (4, 5, and 6 graders)
Three – Cadette ..... (Junior High)
One – Senior ..... (High School)

77 Adult leaders are involved in working with 477 girls.

Mrs. Parks Toolin is Neighborhood Chairman.

EARLY PICTURE OF A SOCIAL MEETING OF THE OLD FORMAS CLUB

Many of the members present are identified, but you may recognize some of the unknowns. The picture was taken probably in the very early 30's, or earlier, in the basement social rooms at 2147 Ardmore Boulevard (Al Koch's building) at the corner of Lenox Avenue and Ardmore. Doctor Leroy Zavada's office is on the ground floor today with Walter Winnenberg's Tax office in the rear. At one time, *Bill Pika* maintained a Justice of the Peace office in the walk-down location.

This is an early picture of a social meeting of the old FORMAS CLUB.

Seated (Left to Right): A. L. Koch, Unknown, Williams, Burkhardt, Sharra, Atkinson, Keyser, King, Chatham, Unknown, Brass, Groomes, (Partly covered Unknown) Myers, Unknown, Weissbach, Unknown, Sampson, Bailey, Kovalovsky, W. J. Yenny.

Standing (Left to Right): VanSteenberg, Tuttle, Unknown, Adams, Critchlow, Thompson, Libby Morie, Fred Heaton, R. E. Aldridge, H. E. Haldenman, J. V. Dobson, Frank Kelley, Beswick, Paul Harbaugh, W. W. Dietrich.

OUR MOST SENIOR CITIZENS

CONGRATULATIONS AND ORCHIDS To Our Two Oldest Residents.

Mrs. J. S. Milmoe ..... age 102
129 Elmore Road

Mr. Ernest L. Mai ..... age 94
303 Lenox Avenue

OCTOGENARIAN CLUB

There are only a few residents living who can claim to have been born in our confines and who still live here today, that are over 80 years old. The names are:

Miss Jean Duffy
Mr. Maurice Moffett
Mr. Joseph McGuigan
Mrs. Mary B. Kennedy
Mrs. Thomas Boney