

THE TOLEDO  
BUSINESS and  
PROFESSIONAL  
WOMEN'S CLUB

"Milestones  
of  
Reflections"



1914-1960

C R E D O  
of the  
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB  
of Toledo

I believe in the deep blue sky and the smiling  
water.  
I can see through the clouds of the sky  
And I am not afraid of the waves of the sea.  
I believe in the living friendship given by the  
flowers and the trees;  
Outwardly they die,  
But in the heart they live forever.  
Little paths through the green woods I love.  
And the sound of leaves on the ground,  
Or, of a nut falling,  
Or even of a broken twig.  
I believe that the days to come already feel  
The wonder of the days that have passed;  
And will permit that wonder to endure and  
increase.  
I believe in, and love my belief in and my  
love for  
All of these things and most of all  
I believe in and love the Source of my belief  
and my love.

De Groot

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" REFLECTIONS "

We had high hopes of emulating the record of the State History of Business & Professional Women's Clubs with that of the Toledo Business & Professional Women's Club. We have spent many hours in research. All of the Past Presidents and other faithful members of our organization have submitted records that have been a great help. However, there are many missing links.

We, therefore, are submitting a brief summary, "Milestones of Reflections" which are excerpts from our records. We hope you will enjoy this brief resumé and that the records of the future may be kept intact.

Leonore Mills

Mina McDorman

Historians

THE TOLEDO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

"MILESTONES OF REFLECTIONS"

EXCERPTS FROM OUR RECORDS

- 1914 Outstanding business women of Toledo are called together at the Y, W. C. A.
- 1915 Toledo Business Women's Club is organized with Miriam Wilson as President. Open only to women owning their own business, managers of departments, or executives. They meet in the former Y, W. C. A. building, corner Jefferson and Eleventh Sts. The Club flourishes and gains momentum, reaching a membership of approximately 300 members. Their motto "Achievement", their slogan "Put Things Across". It is one of the four oldest clubs in the United States organized specifically for business and professional women.
- 1917 United States enters war with Germany.  
and Uncle Sam sends out urgent call for  
1918 woman-power. The Toledo Business Women's Club gives up their activities and meets at Red Cross Headquarters two evenings a week for wartime activities.
- July Business women of the United States  
1919 called together for national convention in St. Louis. Inez Bush, an active member of the Toledo Business Women's Club attends on her own.

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs is born.

Inez brings back to Toledo the Executive Secretary of the new National Federation, Miss Lena Madestin Phillips, who explains to the Toledo Organization the aims and purposes of the new national organization.

February 23 1920 Representatives from clubs of eight cities of Ohio, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Springfield, Toledo, Warren, Youngstown and Zanesville, meet and organize the Ohio Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs.

The Toledo Club is represented by Inez Bush who becomes the first State Secretary and by C. Bess Haines, President of the Toledo Business Women's Club, who automatically becomes the first President of the Toledo Business & Professional Women's Club.

1922 Toledo Business & Professional Women's Club presents 8 Juvenile Invalid Chairs, one to each of the eight Toledo Hospitals.

Lasalle's allows space to sell products for benefit of the blind. Over \$500 is raised.

Beach House We begin sending representatives to Beach House (as a member club of the Women's Protective Association). On Thanksgiving Day, 1930, the name plate of the Toledo Business & Professional Women's Club is to be placed on the door of the room which we furnish and are maintaining today.

We sponsor the G. Vale Owen Lecture at the Coliseum to raise funds for our projects. We go in the red hundreds of dollars.

September 23 1923 The National Charter, dated July 10, 1920, is presented to the Toledo Business & Professional Women's Club, (the fourth oldest club in the country) at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce in Toledo.

November 6 1923 First meeting held in our own club rooms on Superior Street. Election returns are received. Required budget for the year, \$10,500.

1925 The old and the young Dr. Davenport, 101 years of age, becomes an active member of the Toledo Business & Professional Women's Club. After raising a family and losing a husband, she has entered college to become a physician and at 101 years appeared younger than many at 50. She gave lectures on "How to Keep Young and Live Long".

The same year, we organize the Junior Club of Toledo Business & Professional Women which is to be given official recognition April 14, 1931.

1928 We purchase a Willys Knight car and raffle it off to pay obligations to the bank.

1929 The 10th State convention, the second to be held in Toledo, marks the end of the era when the Hostess Club has to finance the entire affair.

1930 Through the contribution of our own Daisy B. Scott, we donate toward the Florence Allen Scholarship, a State Project which in 1932 is to become our local project and later named the "Daisy B. Scott Scholarship Fund".

The first printed program is processed.

We give vocational talks at Woodward High School.

1931 And then one of the happiest projects of all  
We met with Defiance, our first pride and joy  
Yes, many of us are here today to recall  
That first Club that we sponsored - and still enjoy.

1932 The years roll on and in 1932  
We change our Club rooms with much ado  
and - the Treasurer announces, she is proud to report  
That at last - there are "No Bills Payable"  
The members applaud 'till they are no longer able.

1934 We are active in the "Causes and Cure of War" project.

1937 We publish our first bulletin which over the years is to win many State awards.

1939 We raise funds to furnish a room at Wm. Roche Tuberculosis Hospital by having an "Airplane Bridge", the door prizes being a flight over Toledo.

We experience a "War on Working Wives".

We have our first ballot box and check credentials for election of Board Members (local election).

1943 Members are busy promoting the War effort. Through them the Red Cross Headquarters on St. Clair Street is opened two evenings a week. Here, hospital gowns are turned out by the factory method with such accuracy that no further inspection is given by the Red Cross. On the floor above, bandages are made.

1946 Inter-national Relations Adventures in friendships abroad, including correspondence with members of clubs in other countries; the adoption of the Oxford, England Club and exchange of albums regarding the individuals; visits of our members abroad and entertaining in Toledo, members of clubs in other countries. Outstanding among them is the President of the Oxford, England Club, Elizabeth Craythorne, who presents to us the gavel and plaque made by an artisan of Oxford, England, from a tree that grew in the soil of the Oxford College. It bears the imprint of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in that year 1953.

The Oxford Club adopts our lovely Collect and copies are presented for the individuals from a member of the Toledo Business & Professional Women's Club who preferred not to be identified.

Also in 1946 we received our first invitation to visit the Windsor International Night which since then has developed into practically a State-of-Ohio project.

And will we ever forget the International Congress in Montreal, attended by many of our members; and the two Oxford, England members who returned to Toledo with us?

In 1946 the Federation committee sponsors classes in Parliamentary Procedure. We start having meetings in the homes but attendance increases to such an extent it is necessary to meet in churches and in the Woman's Building.

We become more interested in cooperating our activities with those of other organizations, and are hostesses for the third annual meeting of the Women's Advertising Club, the Credit Women, Quota Club, and Zonta. Let's give them credit, the Ad Club hostessed the first annual meeting of this particular group and Zonta the second.

We become a club member of the Toledo Regional Planning Association.

We have an old-time "Vodeville" show, spelled "V O D E V I L L E".

And, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Toledo Business & Professional Women's Club.

1948

We initiate our project for improved lighting at Toledo State Hospital, which is to continue for several years.

We join with the National Project, "Aid to Children in War-Torn Europe" and adopt 2 Belgian boys.

The Glee Club also launches on their long career of providing fine music for our special programs and giving our members still another outlet for their talents.

1949

Business Women's Week, Georgia Neese Clark, Treasurer of the United States is our speaker.

That year we also provide for two local poor families.

March  
1952

At our dinner meeting in the Woman's Building, Judge Geraldine Macelwane opens the parley for a traffic education program. Our Health & Safety Chairman and our Legislation Chairman are appointed to represent our Club in the new Toledo Safety organization. This is the beginning of the Women's Traffic Council which recently won the Carol Lane Award and subsequently merged with and became a part of the Toledo-Lucas County Safety Council. We have worked very diligently on this project and are proud to be a member club.

We present a wheel chair with many complicated attachments to the Crippled Children's home.

We support the National Project "Women in Uniform" and are thrilled to have at one of our meetings, in uniform, a U.S. Navy Nurse, a WAVE, a WAC, a Public Health Nurse and a Director of one of our hospitals, all of whom participated in the program.

1953

We "adopt" our portable speaker, which we hoped to be an asset - which it was at times; and a source of annoyance at other times.

- 1956 1956 marks the beginning of the Toledo Area Council, and the first Business Women's Week sponsored by that group.
- 1957 We win fourth place in the National Program Contest at the Biennial in Miami - a check for \$150.00 with which we launch a new and worthy project.....

Senior Citizens, a very active and highly successful project is begun in cooperation with the Toledo Public Library. Locke and Mott Branches are organized, followed by Kent and West Toledo. Each group, in its own way, achieves remarkable success.

The Toledo Business & Professional Women's Club is proud of its three members who served as President of the Ohio Business & Professional Women's Club. They are Ethel Kyle - 1930-32; Mabel Dickson - 1943-45 and Leonore Mills - 1957-58.

Many of our members have served in various capacities on National Committees, and many, many more as State Chairman on various State Committees. Peg Martin, having been elected Third Vice-President of the State Federation, served her term of office but due to illness was not able to continue at that time.

Of course our continuous year-to-year project is "Get out the Vote".

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INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

This is to Certify that the **Business and Professional Women's Club** of **Toledo, Ohio** is a member in good standing of The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and is entitled to share all rights, privileges and opportunities of this organization  
In Witness Whereof we have hereunto affixed our hand and seal  
this tenth day of July 1920



The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs

*Anna Louise Stone*  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

*Anna Louise Stone*  
PRESIDENT

1959

The clubs we have sponsored we  
cannot shun  
There were West Haven, Maumee  
and Wauseon  
Ada, Rossford, and Bowling Green;  
All a part of the Ohio Scene.  
Marion, Findlay and Defiance,  
One and all pledge their alliance;  
Norwalk, Fostoria, Tiffin,  
Port Clinton,  
All with BPW were smitten.  
Monroe-Central, Fort Meigs, and  
Bryan join us  
Along with Metamora, Sylvania and  
Bucyrus  
Just recently, Point Place joined  
the race,  
Then Oregon stepped in and took  
its place;  
We now sponsor Trilby, whom we  
hold dear  
And wish success for many a year.

An invitation to place BPW records in the  
local History and Genealogy Departments  
in the Toledo Public Library for preser-  
vation and safekeeping is accepted and  
there in the future we may read of our  
many and glorious accomplishments.

The Founders of our Federation have shown  
wonderful leadership. As we thrill to  
the story of achievements of our organ-  
ization, let us continue to Follow the  
Torch of Wisdom, hand in hand with the  
wonderful clubs we have sponsored, as  
well as all the clubs throughout the  
State and the Nation. "As we approach  
the future, the vistas of opportunities  
are tremendous and the accomplishments  
and success of women are vividly pic-  
tured in these opportunities".