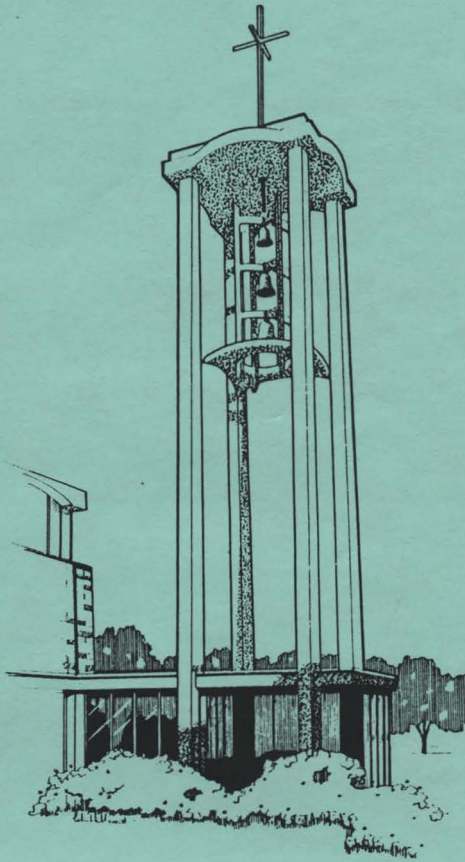


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New Beginnings

Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Fred Stahlschmidt (Ida) of Cambridge (Preston), four women became the first members of a Women's Auxiliary to the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada in 1913. Mrs. Stahlschmidt firmly believed that a women's group could be a good support to the newly-established seminary in Waterloo. She pursued this dream until the Women's Auxiliary of the new seminary was officially established on February 27, 1913.

Mrs. Stahlschmidt became the first president; Mrs. Jacob (Clara) Conrad of Waterloo was the German secretary and Mrs. Martin Bieber of Kitchener served as the English secretary. The treasurer was Mrs. Henry (Louise) Hagen of Kitchener. These four women remained the Auxiliary's only members for 20 years.

The churches of the German and English Synods were invited to support the Auxiliary with donations of money. The first Saturday of each month became visiting day at the Seminary for people from the churches nearby. Visitors were conducted through the building and were served coffee and lunch.

Nearly everyone who came brought some baking, fruits and vegetables or gifts of bedding (quilts, blankets, sheets and pillow cases), towels and dishes. Someone even donated a ton of coal. Also in those days, the boys' rooms were thoroughly cleaned, and their socks and clothing laundered and mended. The boys called visiting days "cake days".

In a letter to her son in the early 1950s, Mrs. Stahlschmidt wrote, "Those first 20 years after the Auxiliary was organized, were some of the happiest of my life. I got to know the students and many came to our home for meals and over night. Now, when I read about their work, I recall those happy days. Men like Willison, Cronmiller, Fischer, Grelhaar, Howald and Wittig were students when I held office and I saw them at each visiting day. Reverend Irschlick of India had dinner here when on furlough. We had a wonderful review of seminary days."

Mrs. Jacob (Clara) Conrad became president in 1921, and served in that capacity for twenty years – longer than any other president. One afternoon a month continued to be "visiting" day at the Seminary, and the women of the area continued to provide baking and canned goods for the boarding school, as well as doing the cleaning and the mending.

1931 - 1940

Shortly after the meeting of Synod in 1931, an appeal was sent to every church in the Canada Synod to organize a "Branch Auxiliary" of the Seminary within the congregations, with each member paying a membership fee of \$1 per year. Because of the growth of the Seminary and College, it had become necessary to involve more women in the work of the Auxiliary. The funds thus raised were forwarded to the parent auxiliary.

The Board of Governors for Waterloo College and Seminary appointed the officers who were to serve the Auxiliary for one year, as well as one delegate from each conference of the Synod. After 1932, executive were to be elected at the annual meetings of the Auxiliary. The officers appointed for 1931 - 1932 were:

President:	Mrs. Clara Conrad
Vice-President:	Mrs. Laura Hagey
Secretary:	Miss Decima Zimmerman
Treasurer:	Mrs. Florence Hagen

The first general meeting of all the Branch Auxiliaries was held on June 1, 1932, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, at 3:00 p.m., with an attendance of 125 from places as far west as

Chatham and Zurich, and as far east as Montreal. The meeting was followed by a social hour with light refreshments provided by St. John's Branch Auxiliary. This first meeting became an annual event held in the College Gymnasium until 1939, after which the meetings were held in St. John's (Waterloo) Parish Hall until 1950.

At that first meeting, Dr. Frederick B. Clausen, President of Waterloo College, was the guest speaker. The treasurer reported receipts of \$922 for the year. The members voted to give \$500 of that amount to the Board of Governors. It was also voted that the bedding and linen be laundered and that the Auxiliary treasurer be authorized to pay the bill. In 1936, this service was discontinued for the College students, but not for the seminarians.

Already at that first meeting, a motion was passed (almost unanimously), to make a donation (or start a fund) toward a girls' residence. The Board of Governors "deemed it advisable to undertake such a residence."

Students formed a boarding club, and each year elected a provider whose job it was to go out and buy food for the kitchen. Trucks went into the farm areas to pick up donations of fruit, vegetables, and canned goods.

In 1933, Mrs. Harry (Florence) Hagen resigned as treasurer after 20 years of service in that office. At this meeting, it was decided to offer a scholarship of \$150 to a Lutheran female college student, to be given to a Lutheran male college student, only when no girl was eligible. The amount was reduced later to \$75, then increased to \$100. Early recipients of the award were Margaret Conrad, Ruth Weichel, Elsa Christiansen and Wallace Minke.

At each annual meeting, the constitution was read and discussed, and a financial donation for the Board of Governors was determined. The amount of this gift was dependent on how much had been received through membership fees and other donations. It was usually used for furnishings for the men's dormitory rooms and for repairs.

At one meeting, it was pointed out that each one of the eight parishes in Nova Scotia had sent in a donation for the work of the Auxiliary, thus putting the larger number of churches in Ontario to shame because not 100% of them had contributed. Even then, the president stressed the importance of raising money for the Auxiliary by canvassing all the women in the congregation, and not through donations from organizations such as Ladies' Aids or Women's Missionary Societies.

The minutes of the 1938 meeting mentioned that a Seminary Endowment Fund had been started through a gift from the John Tegler estate. Members were encouraged to consider bequests to the Seminary in their wills.

At the 1940 meeting, it was decided to have the president appoint a nominating committee to bring in a slate of officers for future annual meetings. By the early 1930s, the monthly visiting days at the College had begun to lose their popularity with the area churches, and eventually were discontinued. However, they were revived again in 1940 after a guest speaker lamented the fact they had been discontinued. It was decided that, instead of one day a month, two visiting days a year should be held – one in the fall and one in the spring.

1941 - 1950

At the 1941 annual meeting, Mrs. Clara Conrad resigned from her position of President for health reasons. She was honored by being named Honorary President for Life. The new president was Mrs. William (Ruth) Gillespie of Kitchener, who began her term of office by holding regular executive committee meetings to plan the visiting days, the annual meetings, and the raising of additional funds for the Auxiliary.

The big concern in the early years of the decade was the need for a girls' dormitory, and after the Second World War, for seven extra dormitory rooms for war veterans. Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. J. Conrad were appointed representatives of the Auxiliary to the committee investigating the possibility of securing a girls' residence. (The Board of Governors had received a request for residence from 10 girls.) Also, the whole interior of the College

was greatly in need of redecorating and refurnishing. Members of the executive were kept busy purchasing blankets, pillows, furniture, rugs and draperies.

In 1945, the Auxiliary sponsored the first reception held in the College for both Seminary and College graduates. It was attended by about 100 relatives and friends of the graduates.

The annual meetings from 1946 on, which were held during the afternoon in St. John's (Waterloo) Parish Hall, ended with a fellowship banquet catered by St. John's Ladies Aid. The program included a guest speaker and special music.

In September 1946, the Lincke house on campus near the College (Willison Hall) was made available as a temporary girls' dormitory. Two years later, the girls' residence was moved across the street to the Berdux home at 165 Albert Street. More furniture, blankets, curtain rods, window blinds, study lamps etc. were required for the 12 girls living there.

In 1949, Mrs. Ruth Gillespie resigned and Mrs. C.H. (Louise) Doerr of Waterloo was elected as president. For the first time, an assistant secretary and an assistant treasurer were elected. Tribute was paid to Mrs. Gillespie for serving nine years as president and to Miss Decima Zimmerman who had served as secretary and treasurer for 21 years.

At the 1947 annual meeting, Dr. Helmut T. Lehmann, President of Waterloo College and Seminary spoke about the plans for a \$100,000 expansion program for the College and Seminary. These plans included a Teaching Building and Science Laboratories, new residence buildings, a library and a new dining hall. He said that a 15 - 20 minute technicolor film would be used to illustrate to the churches of Synod how seminary and college life could be brought closer to the people.

Scholarship recipients in this decade included Gladys Quehl (1941); John Zimmerman (1942); Gertrude Mosig (1944); Florence Little (1945); Leona Nabert (1947); Louise Bonkowski (1948); Kristina Sidlauskaitė (1949); Christina Leibold (1950).

Other Items of Interest:

1. The second memorial window to be placed in the College Chapel – “The Light of the World” – was dedicated by Dr. F. B. Clausen, President of Waterloo College and Seminary on Visiting Day, October 18, 1941.
2. On October 16, 1943, The Auxiliary’s Open House gave visitors an opportunity to inspect the college dormitories and kitchen which had been redecorated and refurnished.
3. The first record of an offering for the day was for \$26.05 received at the 1944 annual meeting.
4. It was announced at the 1945 annual meeting that, to date, 100 ministers had graduated from the Seminary, 200 students had received B.A. degrees and 11 had given their lives during World War II. As well, the curriculum would be extended to cover training of deaconesses, business administration and expansion of the science course.
5. A revised constitution was approved at the 1946 annual meeting along with the decision to have letterheads printed. It was also moved and carried that the Auxiliary raise \$5,000 annually for the next five years toward the cost of the girls’ dormitory.
6. In the fall of 1947, the Boarding Club entertained the Women’s Auxiliary in the College Gym. Tea was poured by the Rev. George Durst, Professor Jim Carmichael, Professor Herman Overgaard and Delton Glebe. Entertainment was provided by the students. An Open House was held on November 6, 1947, in conjunction with Education Week at the College, to show visitors through the school and the girls’ dormitory.
7. Motions passed in 1949 included:
 - a) All cheques should be signed by both president and treasurer.

7. b) The Executive Board should consist of the officers and any representatives elected for one year from any of the conferences of the synods supporting the institution.
c) Seminary membership cards were to be supplied to the various branch auxiliaries to give to each member who paid a fee.
8. Recommendations made and passed at the 1950 annual meeting:
 - a) Interest on Auxiliary bonds should be put into the Girls' Dormitory Fund.
 - b) The executive was to purchase cards to announce the annual meeting instead of sending a letter.

1951 - 1960

The annual meetings in this decade were held in different churches in the Synod until the later years, when they were held in the gymnasium of Seagram Stadium in Waterloo. Several times the banquet in the evening was held in the new College Dining Hall, with the women of a local church doing the catering. Auxiliary members continued to provide and serve refreshments for various Seminary functions. Mrs. C.H. (Louise) Doerr, Waterloo, served as president from 1949 to 1956.

In 1951, the Auxiliary provided not only financial assistance for remodelling of the first Seminary building (Pioneer Building) into a girls' dormitory, but also provided all the furnishings – draperies, rugs, furniture, mirrors, wallpaper etc. The Dormitory, dedicated on November 1, 1952, was called Conrad Hall in honor of Mrs. Jacob Conrad's many years of service to the Auxiliary and the Seminary. The first housemother of Conrad Hall was Mrs. E. Aksim, who firmly but lovingly watched over the 27 girls in her charge.

After the new General Arts and Science Building was opened in 1954, the Seminary had its own separate classrooms for the first time, and also a new President – Dr. Ray Hauser.

1951- 1960 Cont' d

In 1954, Auxiliary members donated more than 100 quilts for 52 beds in the Men's Residence and 28 in the Girls' Residence. They also helped to provide silverware, dishes, drapes etc. for the new College Dining Hall which had been built between Willison Hall and Conrad Hall. Money was donated to furnish the chemistry laboratory in the new Arts and Science Building of the College, and \$6,000 was granted to the Seminary for books in the Library. As well, more than \$1,500 was spent on refinishing furniture and painting rooms in Willison Hall.

A new program was initiated in 1959 when gift certificates of \$25 (redeemable at the United Lutheran Publishing House), were given to each of the six Canadian Lutheran Seminary graduates. This was also the year that the name of the Auxiliary was changed to "The Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran University", and the year that members enjoyed for the first time, a smorgasbord meal which became a highlight of annual meetings for the next 20 years. In 1960, membership fees were increased to \$2.00 per person per year.

A promotion committee was established in 1954, with Mrs. Ruth Gillespie as its first chairman. Its purpose was to promote the work of the Auxiliary in a variety of ways. Each conference of Synod was to have a key woman whose responsibility it would be to appoint a chairman in each congregation in the conference. This contact woman in turn, would appoint teams to canvass for members for the Auxiliary in the congregation.

This promotion committee distributed a leaflet entitled "Martha Service", detailing the work of the Auxiliary in its 40 years of existence. Membership donation certificates were made available to the churches to give to people when paying their membership fees. A set of slides was completed by early 1960, and a set was sent to each of the seven key women for use in their conferences.

A program and social committee as well as a purchasing committee were also established in 1954, but a project committee was not established until 1957.

In 1955, it was decided to set a limit to the terms of office for the executive officers in the hope of stimulating greater interest in the work of the Auxiliary.

Recipients of scholarships in this decade were Sheila Radtke (1951), Velma Pomrenke (1952), Doreen Ament (1954), Joyce Meckbach (1955), Lois Bim (1956), Laura Neff (1957), Margaret Gottschick (1958) and Judith Carse (1959).

Mrs. C.H. (Olive) Musselman became president of the Auxiliary in 1956, but died suddenly two weeks before the annual meeting (June 18) in 1958. Mrs. O.O. (Marie) Ireland succeeded Mrs. Musselman.

Other Items of Interest:

1. Another building that was used in the early 1950s to house female students was 179 Regina North, Waterloo. Bertha Becker in the deaconate program was one of the eight girls who lived there.
2. A motion passed at the 1951 annual meeting which said notices about the affairs of the Auxiliary and the dates of the annual meetings were to be placed in the synodical paper, *The Canada Lutheran*.
3. At the executive meeting on November 1, 1952, following the dedication of the Girls' Residence, it was decided to recommend to the Board of Governors that an annual cautionary fee of one dollar be paid by each resident student, to be used for repairs etc., and to be administered by the Business Administrator, Housefather and Housemother.
4. At a later meeting, it was decided to formulate a set of rules and regulations for the Girls' Residence to be approved by the Board of Governors, then placed in the residence as a reminder to the occupants.

1951- 1960 Cont'd

Another decision at that meeting was to send a report to the Synod secretary for the *Synod Book of Reports*, for Synod's annual convention.

5. At the September 10, 1953, executive meeting, Mr. J. Gerald Hagey, President of Waterloo College, asked for volunteers to help make up the beds in the Boys' Dormitory in Willison Hall before the opening of school on September 20. He also asked that letters be sent out to all the congregations to tell them about the Auxiliary's furnishing of the new College Dining Hall, the groundbreaking service for the new Arts and Science Building in October 1953, and about the laying of its cornerstone in May 1954.

The Boarding Club was disbanded in 1953 when the administration took over operation of the Dining Hall.

6. At the 1954 annual meeting, members of the Auxiliary voted in favor of non-Lutherans becoming associate members by paying an annual fee of \$1 entitling them to vote but not to hold office.
7. It was at the 1955 annual meeting that the Girls' Dormitory was officially named Conrad Hall after Mrs. Jacob Conrad, the Auxiliary's president for 20 years. She was presented with an illuminated scroll, and was told that a plaque and her portrait would be placed on a wall of the residence.
8. At the June annual meeting in 1956, members of the Auxiliary were asked to consider the erection of a new girls' residence at an approximate cost of \$100,000. The executive was asked to appoint a committee to study the possibility of carrying out such a project.
9. 1956 was the first year that the Lutheran student enrollment in the College had exceeded that of any other denomination.

10. Because the response from non-Lutheran women had been minimal over a four-year period, it was decided by the executive in 1958 to send promotional material only to Lutherans.
11. At the 1958 annual meeting, the revised constitution was adopted. Mr. Hagey informed the members about future plans of Waterloo College:
 - a) that 200 acres of land had been purchased on University Avenue just down from Waterloo College campus as the site of the College's Associated Faculties.
 - b) that construction had begun on the new chemistry and engineering building on that site.
 - c) that Canada Synod decided at its June meeting to apply for a University degree granting charter as soon as the Board of Governors saw fit.

Future needs mentioned were a new teaching building, residences for both men and women, and more scholarships.

12. Each member at the 1959 annual meeting received a copy of the 1959 projects and the tentative budget for 1960, as well as the announcement that the Auxiliary had received a bequest of \$500 from the estate of Miss Amanda Hollatz of Kitchener, to be used for some definite project that might serve as a permanent memorial.

Because 1961 was the 100th anniversary of the Canada Synod, and the 50th anniversary of the seminary, an appeal for an anniversary gift of \$250,000 for a new seminary building was launched. The Auxiliary pledged a thanksgiving gift of \$5,000 towards this appeal.

13. After the executive meeting on September 29, 1959, members visited the newly-rented house on campus which was being used as a residence for senior girls.

14. 1959 was a year of change for the Seminary, for Waterloo College and the Associated Faculties. Early in the year, the Associated Faculties applied to the Provincial Legislature for a University charter. The request was granted and the University of Waterloo was established.

At the same time, the Seminary applied for a revision of its charter. At a special meeting of the Canada Synod, federation between the Associated Faculties and Waterloo College was turned down, and Waterloo Lutheran University was established with degree granting rights to its two educational units – Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and Waterloo University College. This meant ending a 35-year affiliation with the University of Western Ontario during which time more than 1,000 Waterloo graduates had received degrees.

All of this was explained to the members of the Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran University at the annual meeting, June 15, 1960, by Dean Lloyd Schaus.

1961 - 1969

Presidents in the 60s included Mrs. Harry (Dorothy) Greb elected in 1962, Mrs. Walter (Jean) Hachborn in 1966, and Mrs. Albert (Helen) Chapman in 1970.

The 1961 annual meeting was the first to be held in the fall, at Waterloo Collegiate Institute. All previous meetings had been held in the spring. The first complete annual meeting held in the new Theatre Auditorium of Waterloo Lutheran University took place in 1962, with afternoon and evening sessions. All meetings for the rest of the 60s were held on campus.

However, in 1965, the program was changed to morning and afternoon sessions, a custom which has continued through succeeding decades.

The 60s were marked by a building boom – the new women's residence dedicated on December 9, 1961, and the new Seminary Building on October 20, 1963, built on the site of what had been

Conrad Hall. The first two floors of the new library were officially opened September 18, 1965, and the new five-storey teaching building on November 2, 1969. With the construction of two new men's residences, Willison Hall was reluctantly demolished in the fall of 1969; maintenance costs would have been excessive. However, plans were made to save the chapel's two stained glass windows, some of the bricks and doorways.

With increased enrollment came the need for more quilts for the new residences. The women of the Auxiliary did not disappoint, providing many quilts each year, ranging from 117 in 1961, to 160 in 1962, to a record of 216 in 1966, which year had been designated as "Quilting Year". Pillowcases, blankets, mats and sheets were also contributed. The policy was to use quilts first as bedspreads, then as a second quilt for extra warmth, and finally as mattress covers.

The women of the Auxiliary were also kept busy serving a total of 2,500 to 2,800 guests at four to six different University functions and receptions following dedication of new buildings, for art exhibits, at Parents' Orientation Day, spring and fall convocations (the first one in May 1961), Alumni Homecoming Weekend and Family Day. 1961 was the last year when refreshments for these social events were to be supplied by the University but Auxiliary members still looked after the serving.

It was also a big help when the Auxiliary decided in 1962 to use the Amanda Hollatz memorial gift of \$500 to purchase silver services, tray and cloth. (Note: Even though engraved "Waterloo Lutheran University", the services and tray were generously and graciously returned to the Seminary in 1991 by WLU President John Weir and are kept in the Seminary vault.)

During the 60's, students at the Seminary came from all over the world. A group of men from British Guyana were affectionately known as the "B.G. Boys" – eight of whom graduated.

1961- 1969 Cont'd

Two students from Africa returned to their homeland after graduation, each one to serve in turn as President of the Lutheran Church in Liberia – Roland Payne graduating in 1963 and Ronald Diggs in 1966.

The 1961 annual meeting celebrated the Golden Anniversary of the Seminary with the presentation in the evening of "The Constant Flame", a series of historical sketches based on the script by Miss Clara Bernhardt of Cambridge (Preston) for the Seminary's 25th anniversary, but adapted and enlarged by Mrs. William Gillespie and Mrs. Walter Klinck. Earl Stieler directed and Dr. John Schmieder narrated.

Promotion in the 60s

1. The 1960 set of slides was revised and again made available in 1961.
2. A new promotional leaflet was developed in 1962.
3. A yellow and purple folder titled "The Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran University" was created and printed in 1964.
4. A filmstrip with color and sound titled "Willing Hearts and Hands" was available early in 1965. Invited to the preview were three key persons from each congregation in the general area of WLU, who would then make plans to show the filmstrip in their own churches.
5. A new brochure called "Your Gift at Work" was mentioned in the 1968 promotion report.
6. The *Golden Book of Honour*, *Memorial Book* and *Life Membership Book* were introduced at the 1969 annual meeting as ways of honouring dedicated persons in the church or community with a citation for a donation to the Auxiliary of \$25, any amount, and \$100 respectively.

Mrs. Ruth Gillespie was given the task of writing the citations for these books.

Ongoing Projects in the 60s

1. Gift certificates of \$25 redeemable at the United Lutheran Publishing House, Kitchener, to each Lutheran seminary graduate. In 1969, the amount of the gift certificate was increased to \$50.
2. The annual scholarship of \$150 for a Lutheran University girl was increased in 1962 to \$300. In 1963, a \$300 scholarship was offered to a Lutheran girl and to a Lutheran boy. This was changed in 1964 to a bursary of \$300 for students who were preferably Lutheran, and who could demonstrate need and a minimum average of 60%.
3. An amount of money was given each year toward the 1959 pledge of \$5,000 for the 50th anniversary appeal for seminary expansion until paid (1963).
4. An amount of money was given each year towards the pledge of \$225 which was made in 1961, for furnishings for the new women's residence until paid (1969).

Additional Projects in the 60s

1960 - \$1,000 towards a post-graduate study fund

1962 - \$1,000 for library furnishings in new men's residence

1963 - \$1,000 for the Library fund

1964 - \$2,000 for books for the Seminary Library

1965 - \$2,000 for books for the Seminary Library
\$500 for a sound-proof study and typing booth
for the University Library.

Additional Projects in th 60s

- 1965 - In June of 1965, President Dorothy Greb sent a sample of a "project opportunity gift envelope" to the Auxiliary contact person or the pastor of each congregation. It included a letter inviting financial support for the 1965 projects which were listed on the front of the envelope, along with their cost and the total amount of money required. Receipts from the treasurer were offered for donations received. Receipt books, envelopes and brochures were available to the congregations upon request.
- 1966 - \$500 for books for the graduate School of Social Work established in 1965
\$500 for a scale for the new Science Building
\$500 for books for the Science Building
- 1967 - In addition to the ongoing project, a special centennial project to purchase two oil paintings with the offering money received at the annual meeting in 1967 and 1968 (\$250 each year). First painting - a Mennonite theme by Alvin Forler. Second painting - a floral painting by Mrs. Alvin Baetz. One was to be placed in the mezzanine of the Dining Hall, and the other in the Board Room. This was the first time that offering money was designated for a specific project.
- 1968 - \$1,000 previously designated for the Science Building (in 1966) was transferred to a specific project in the new Teaching Building.
Special Project - to place the framed portrait photographs of all Seminary Presidents in an appropriate place in the Seminary and to be paid for by the special annual meeting offering each year until the project is completed.
- 1969 - \$300 for a seminary bursary to be designated by the Seminary Committee for scholarships and bursaries (offered only in 1969). It was decided

unanimously to use \$25 of the \$235 offering received at the 1969 meeting to honor Dr. Henry Endress with a citation in the *Golden Book of Honor*. While at WLU, Dr. Endress had served as the University's Consultant for the Auxiliary, and as such, helped a great deal to further the work of the Auxiliary and wholeheartedly assisted the Executive Board in promoting various projects. The balance of the offering was to be used to complete payment for the Seminary President's portrait photographs.

Changes to the Constitution

- 1962 - When the six conferences of the Canada Synod and the Nova Scotia Synod became the Eastern Canada Synod, conferences were renamed districts, thus requiring a change in the constitution. A copy of the constitution was placed in each packet given to those attending the annual meeting.
- 1963 - The fiscal year of the Auxiliary was changed from January - to December 31, to July 1 - June 30.
- 1964 - All references to "Key Women" were eliminated, indicating that Key Women were no longer to be appointed or be a part of the Executive Board.

Other Items of Interest

1. Mrs. John Stockfish of Preston was the only charter member of the Auxiliary attending the annual meeting in 1965 at age 96, and again in 1967, aged 98.
2. For the first time, the contact women met in 1967 with the President and the promotion committee during the lunch hour. This has become a regular feature ever since.

Other Items of Interest Cont'd

3. A skit entitled "Yesteryears" was presented in 1967 by the members of the Executive Board, Dr. C.S. Roberts, Dr. J.H. Reble, and Pastor Marvin Dubrick.
4. The 1968 meeting ended with the ground-breaking ceremony for WLU's new Teaching Building. Members of the Auxiliary who were invited to participate were Mrs. Marie Barkley of St. Paul, Morrisburg, Mrs. R. Beskau of Good Shepherd, Toronto, and Mrs. William Spiegelberg of St. John, Waterloo, and President Mrs. Walter (Jean) Hachborn.
5. Willis Ott was the first seminarian in 1969 to conduct opening devotions at an annual meeting.
6. The first Auxiliary president, Mrs. Fred Stahlschmidt attended the 1969 annual meeting and was interviewed by President Jean Hachborn and Past President Mrs. Ruth Gillespie. Mrs. Stahlschmidt spoke of the visiting days held regularly at the seminary in those early years to give members of the local and area churches an opportunity to see what was going on at the seminary and to assist in the work of looking after the students. A special project involved the sale (for 10 cents) of the cake recipe served to the students and visitors. It was affectionately known as "Seminary Cake". The project was revived for the 1969 meeting and 250 copies of the recipe were sold.
7. Attendance in the 60s remained constantly high,, dropping under 200 only twice – even reaching 344 in 1962.

1970 - 1979

Presidents in the 70s were Mrs. Albert (Helen) Chapman elected in 1970; Mrs. Harold (Evelyn) Vogt appointed in 1973 by the Executive Board to complete Mrs. Chapman's term of office (when she resigned in August 1973 to take an administrative post

in a school in Trinidad); Mrs. Vogt was elected in 1974 and 1976; Mrs. Clarence (Mary) Heer was elected in 1978. The annual meetings continued to be held in the Theatre Auditorium of Waterloo Lutheran University until 1977 when the meeting had to be moved to WLU's Ballroom of the Student Centre because the Theatre Auditorium had become a concert hall, and was no longer available. The 1978 and 1979 meetings were held at St. John Lutheran Church, Waterloo, back to the church which had hosted the very first annual meeting of the Auxiliary on June 1, 1932, as well as most of the meetings that followed.

The 70s were marked by increased enrollment in the Seminary, including the first women to graduate from Seminary (Patricia Siaghail in 1975, and Ana Mazak in 1976, followed by Cheryl Aschick-Engleert in 1979).

Again in the 70s, seminary students came from all over the world: in 1971, Sendela Mothupi, an ordained pastor, and Vivian Msomi in 1977, also an ordained pastor, both from South Africa to further their studies; also David Chen, a minister from the Taiwan Lutheran Church, in 1975. Akiie Ninomiya came from Japan in 1972, and Wiseman Mak and his wife, Rebecca Lau Mak came from Hong Kong in 1977.

On November 1, 1973, Waterloo Lutheran University became provincially funded and the name changed to Wilfrid Laurier University. At the 1973 annual meeting, members of the Auxiliary voted unanimously by a standing vote, to become an Auxiliary to Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Quilts, however, were still needed, but they would be used in the dormitories on a carefully selected basis – in seminary dormitories first, while the remaining quilts would go to women's residences.

To celebrate the Auxiliary's 60th anniversary in 1973, Mrs. Michael (Katharine) Binder, assistant secretary of the Auxiliary, prepared a special presentation titled "Glimpses from the Scrapbook". During its reading at the 1973 annual meeting, five past presidents and president Mrs. Harold Vogt took part in a candle-lighting ceremony.

At the 1978 annual meeting, the recommendation by the Executive Board that each full-time seminarian be given a quilt on arrival and be allowed to keep that same quilt at the end of his/her time at the seminary, was adopted unanimously, to be tried out for one year. It was also recommended that sheets, pillowcases and blankets be donated for use by married students while living in residence.

Promotion in the 70s

1. In 1970, the promotion committee prepared a pamphlet which was placed in the packets of all new students to acquaint them with what the Auxiliary had done on campus in the past, and what projects were planned for the future.
2. It was announced at the 1974 annual meeting that a slide presentation would be made available for showing in congregations for the 1975 membership campaign. An updated version has been available each year since then.

The Bell Tower logo was designed by the daughter of Mrs. Calvin (Garnice) Bowyer, assistant promotion committee chairman, for use on all the new letterheads and on new membership cards (blue) to be given to all individuals making contributions to the Auxiliary. Because of the Auxiliary's new name, there was also a new promotion folder (green).

3. In 1977, a yellow folder called *Facts about the Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Seminary* was designed.

Ongoing Projects in the 70s

1. Gift certificates of \$50 continued to be given to each graduating seminarian.
2. Bursaries of \$150 each were given to a male and a female university student each year with the exception of 1971 when \$500 was put into the general bursary fund, and in 1972 when, in addition to the two \$150 bursaries, 100

scholarships totalling \$1,500 and the special offering at the meeting were to be used towards the increase in tuition fees. In 1978, it was decided to give only one bursary in the amount of \$200 to be divided among more than one university student if necessary. (This sum has remained constant throughout the 80's and the 90s - to the time of writing, 1992).

3. The first donation to what has become an ongoing project was made in 1970 towards the cost of supervised pastoral education (SPE or sometimes called clinical training), based on need.
4. In 1974, the first payment of \$500 was given to the Seminary for its fund for stained glass windows for the chapel, nothing in 1975, but \$500 again in 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1981 - \$3,000 in total held in reserve in the Auxiliary treasury.

Additional Projects in the 70s

- 1970 - \$80 for two lace tablecloths for special functions
\$1,500 for panelling of the Willison Room of the Campus Centre
\$500 for furnishings in the Campus Centre
\$150 for altar vases to be used at special events in the Theatre Auditorium
\$199.95 (part of the 1970 offering) used to defray the cost of having Dr. U.S. Leupold's portrait photograph placed in the Seminary
- 1971 - \$1,000 for the Seminary Endowment Fund
\$1,500 for furnishings in the Reading Room
\$150 for internship assistance, based on need
\$260.05 (offering) for a tape recorder
- 1972 - \$300 for drapes in the Dean's office
\$500 for altar paraments in the Seminary Chapel
\$500 for the Seminary endowment fund
\$222.35 towards the increase in tuition fees

Additional Projects Cont' d

- 1973 - \$500 for a 16-mm. movie projector
\$325 for five tapes and films for teaching practical counselling
\$500 for a permanent classroom screen
\$282 to support Pastor Senoello Mothupi
\$300 for water color paintings of Willison Hall and Conrad Hall to be done by Mrs. Susanne Harper of Waterloo and hung in the Seminary Building
- 1974 - \$250 for a coffeemaker in the Seminary Lounge
\$250 for a small refrigerator in the Lounge
\$210.70 towards cost of the water color paintings of Willison Hall and Conrad Hall by Mrs. Susanne Harper
- 1975 - \$500 for altar paraments in the Seminary Chapel
\$200 for special tables @ \$40 each
\$200 for educational films
\$350 for blackout drapes
\$300 was given to support seminarian David Chen and his family from Taiwan
- 1976 - \$500 for a copy machine and supplies
\$280 towards the cost of clinical training fees
- 1977 - \$1,000 for furnishings (wall papering, area rug, plants, hanging planters)
\$50 for rental of a Martin Luther film
\$283 to support Pastor Vivian Hsomi of South Africa
- 1978 - \$250 for a set of Bible Interpretations
\$475 for a 35 mm slide projector
\$600 for a 16 mm movie projector
\$266.45 for 31 new hymnals (*Lutheran Book of Worship*) for Seminary Chapel, with a plate in the front of each hymnal indicating it as a gift from the Auxiliary

1979 - Only ongoing projects
\$392.25 (offering) to purchase a Christmas
banner for Seminary Chapel, also wooden stands
and poles to hold banners

Changes in the Constitution

1. A revised constitution was adopted at the 1974 annual meeting. The name of the Auxiliary was changed to "The Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary".
2. In 1977, changes were adopted to Article IX - Finances, as follows:
 - A) The fiscal year of this organization shall be from June 1 to May 31.
 - C) All financial records of the organization shall be audited by an auditor appointed by the Auxiliary."

Other Items of Interest

- 1970 - At the annual meeting, it was announced that Orientation Day and Family Day at WLU would henceforth be replaced by an Open House in the fall.
- 1971 - Willison Hall was demolished in late 1969; some of the bricks and doorways, and the chapel's stained glass windows were saved. Mrs. Harold (Evelyn) Vogt made bookends from some of the bricks for use by the Auxiliary as gifts for guest speakers. Some were sold as souvenirs at the 1971 meeting for a total of \$88.12.

The first Auxiliary president, Mrs. Ida Stahlschmidt was present at the 1971 annual meeting. Residing in a nursing home in Preston since 1968, she said she passed her time by making scrapbooks for children in hospital from used greeting cards given to her by friends and acquaintances.

Other Items of Interest Cont'd

1971 was also the year when seminarians were first introduced to the Auxiliary at an annual meeting. Five students were introduced by Seminary Dean Dr. Delton Glebe. Omitting 1972 and 1973, this practice became a regular feature at annual meetings from 1974 on.

1972 - For the first time, the back page of the 1972 annual meeting program was used to list the members of the Executive Board; in 1981, addresses were added.

Past President Mrs. C. H. (Louise) Doerr unveiled a portrait of Dr. Delton Glebe at the 1972 annual meeting, thus completing the portrait project. All portraits were hung in the seminary court hall.

1973 - Pastor Senoele Mothupi from South Africa conducted opening devotions at the 1973 annual meeting. Later in the meeting, Dr. Glebe introduced Mrs. Helen Mothupi and four children. The Lutheran World Federation and the Eastern Canada Synod had provided funds to bring the Mothupi family to Canada for Pastor Mothupi's final year at the seminary.

1974 - At the 1974 meeting, two project lists were presented. Previously, projects were planned according to the contributions received by the time of the annual meeting. With this change, List No. 1 included the projects to be approved and paid for immediately after the annual meeting. List No. 2 named the projects for which sufficient funds should be raised through the 1975 membership campaign. Ever since, project lists have been set up for payment the following year.

1975 - Coffee was served for the first time at the 1975 annual meeting at 9:30 a.m. as well as at 4:00 p.m. It had been asked for by the women who had to travel quite a distance to the meeting.

During the 1975 meeting, Past President Mrs. Marie Ireland was honored with a citation in the *Golden Book of Honor* by the LCW of Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford.

A suggestion made in the evaluation of the 1975 meeting was that the guest speaker's message be taped and sent to churches to share with members who could not attend the meeting.

It was decided by the Executive Board (after the 1975 annual meeting) to send the reports and minutes of the annual meeting only to those churches who were not represented at the meeting. Those who had been represented would receive only the minutes of the meetings and the promotion committee's letter.

1976 - At the 1976 meeting, it was announced that the first entry in the Auxiliary's *Life Membership Book* was for Mrs. Beulah Innes Beard of Florida, (mother of Pastor Mark Innes), and Mrs. Garnice Bowyer, Promotion Committee chairman.

The first mention made of seminarians who were taking part in the annual meeting as luncheon guests of the Auxiliary, was made in the evaluation of the 1976 annual meeting.

1977 - For the first time in February 1977, members of the Executive prepared lunch at the seminary for youth attending *The Youth in Ministry* workshop. Executive Board members provided this service each year until 1981 when seminarians themselves prepared the lunch.

Other Items of Interest Cont' d

1977 - Another first-time service for Executive Board members was providing and serving coffee and squares in September 1977 at the reception for seminarians, their families and friends, following the Seminary's opening service in the new academic year. This involvement has become an ongoing service provided by Board members.

A tribute to Mrs. Ida Stahlschmidt and Mrs. Louise Doerr, past presidents of the Auxiliary who had passed away in 1977, was read by former President Mrs. Jean Hachborn. Mrs. Stahlschmidt, the founder and first president of the Seminary Auxiliary in 1913, had died May 10 at age 97. Her daughter Janet, (Mrs. Jacob Bregman) was in the audience. Mrs. Doerr had served from 1949 to 1956. During the presentation, slides of the women were projected on a screen at the front of the hall.

At the April 12, 1977 Executive Board meeting, it was decided to honor Mrs. Doerr with a citation in the Auxiliary's *Memorial Book*. Donations were made by members of the Executive. At the May 17, 1977 Executive Board meeting, it was decided to give the sum of \$25 from the Auxiliary treasury to the Seminary in memory of Mrs. Stahlschmidt.

1979 - A bequest of \$500 to the Auxiliary from the estate of former President, Mrs. Louise Doerr, was used to purchase hymnals for the Seminary, and the balance for the purchase of banners and stands for the Seminary.

In 1979, Mrs. Evelyn Vogt replaced the services of Mrs. Ruth Gillespie in the preparation and writing of citations for the *Golden Book of Honour*, which stands in the Seminary.

1979 - The Auxiliary's minutes book, March 1960 to May 19, 1975, and the treasurer's ledger, June 1942 to July 1970, were taken to the University Library to be placed in the Seminary Archives. Attendance at the annual meetings in the 70s varied - over 200 only three times, reaching 261 in 1971. All other years it was under 200, going as low as 137 in 1977 when the meeting was held in the Ballroom of the Student Centre.

1980 - 1989

Presidents in the 80s were Mrs. Ernest (Dorothy) Schaefer 1980 - 1984; Mrs. Norman (Isabel) Dotzenroth 1984 - 1988; Mrs. Harold (Joyce) Dietrich 1988 - 1992.

The 80s were highlighted by a number of special events:

- 1) In June 1982, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary became fully accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools. This meant, among other things, that the Seminary Library now had more than 20,000 volumes.
- 2) The afternoon sessions of the 1983 annual meeting held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sebastopol (Tavistock) was spent mainly on celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Auxiliary. Guest speaker, Dr. Delton Glebe, Dean of the Seminary, in his reminiscing, compared the volunteer members of the Auxiliary to the aroma of Christ, spreading His fragrance everywhere during 70 years of operation.

A skit, *In the Beginning*, featuring Executive Board members and Dr. Glebe, told the story of what might have taken place when the Women's Auxiliary was established on February 27, 1913. Taped interviews by Mrs. Helen Chapman, with Past Presidents Mrs. Ruth Gillespie, and Mrs. Marie Ireland were played.

1980 - 1989 Cont' d

The tapes had been made with the assistance of Mr. David Glebe, Waterloo, and Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth, and are available at the Seminary office if desired.

President Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer read an updated history *The Seven Decades*. After the reading of each decade, a candle was lit and placed on a decorated anniversary cake.

- 3) The 1984 annual meeting was highlighted by a special noon dinner and program in honor of Dr. Glebe's retirement, with Dr. Alvin Baetz as the guest dinner speaker. Dr. and Mrs. Glebe were presented with a beautiful quilt featuring the Luther Rose emblem. This was the gift of the Auxiliary - beautifully sewn by the quilters of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, the Glebes' home church.
- 4) 1986 was a year of thanksgiving and celebration - Waterloo Lutheran Seminary's 75th anniversary. The re-enactment of the opening ceremonies took place on October 30, exactly 75 years after the original ceremony.

The anniversary weekend began on November 7 with the first of two Lutheran Life Lectures held at St. John's, Waterloo. The Rev. Vernon Cronmiller was guest speaker. Celebrations concluded with an anniversary banquet at Bingeman Park in the evening.

A quilted wall hanging, which had been commissioned to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Seminary in 1986, was presented at a special dedication ceremony on November 8, 1986. At the same service, three bells in the seminary tower were also dedicated. The bells were the gift of Mrs. Erva Budd, a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Pembroke, in memory of her husband, Wilfred Budd. Following the dedication, the anniversary service was held at St. John's, Waterloo, with special music and guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Helmut Lehmann, former

President of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and Waterloo College,
1944 - 1953.

Items of Interest

1987 - The annual meetings of the 1980s continued to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waterloo. 1987 enrollment at Seminary was 131 students, of which 44% were women.

Dr. Richard Crossman introduced Miss Carol Schlueter, the first female faculty member installed at the Seminary. She would be able to help students come to a greater appreciation of the growing role for women in the Church.

The guest speaker at the 1987 annual meeting was Dr. Robert Kelly, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at WLS. The Rev. Wendell and Rev. Christine Grahlman, pastors of St. Paul Lutheran, Magnetawan, Ontario, presented a special feature called *Joint Ministry and What it Means*.

The special offering of \$532.70 received at this meeting was designated for the purchase of a display case of solid oak for the *Life Membership Book*, the *Memorial Book* and the *Golden Book of Honour*.

1988 - President, Mrs. Isabel Dotzenroth presided at this annual meeting on September 28th. In his address, Dr. Richard Crossman reported a record 140 students attending the Seminary. He introduced new faculty member, the Rev. Paul Bosch who taught worship and spiritual theology and was also Dean of the Chapel. Rev. Bosch was very enthused about the participation of students and faculty in the newly organized Seminary choir.

1988 - Guest speaker at this annual meeting was Miss Carol Schlueter, professor of New Testament studies. The Rev. David Pfrimmer - Director of the Office for Public Policy and Governmental Affairs - presented a special feature entitled *Human Rights and the Role of the Church*.

Dr. Crossman gave an explanation of the purpose and appearance of the gathering area at the Chapel entrance. A leaded stained glass window from Willison Hall was mounted in the existing glass wall. The cost of mounting and restoring the window was \$4,300. Mrs. Dotzenroth explained that the costs would be spread over a period of several years.

1989 - This year had the largest enrollment in the history of the Seminary - 162 full-time and part-time students. Classes were 50% male and 50% female, and half of these were Lutherans.

The annual meeting was extremely well attended - 235 members and friends were present. Guest speaker was the Rev. Paul Bosch, Professor of Liturgics and Spirituality at WLS.

Dr. Crossman stated that the two stained glass windows in the worship area are a heritage from Willison Hall - a reminder of all the saints that came before them, and a beacon of all to come. The offering of \$726 was to be given for the installation of these windows. It was also reported that the refinishing and redecorating of the Bell Tower Chapel Room (the gathering area) had been completed.

At the close of the annual meeting, the ladies were taken to the Seminary where a Dedication Service was held. The Auxiliary members were left with a wonderful sense of accomplishment when they viewed all the projects that had been completed. The Seminary served refreshments at the close of the Service.

Beginning of a new decade –

1990

Annual meetings continued to be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waterloo.

At the 1990 gathering, President Joyce Dietrich outlined the sources of the Auxiliary's income. More than \$6,000 per year was raised from donations from individual members. Other sources included the offering received at annual meetings, and donations to the *Memorial Book* and the *Golden Book of Honour*, resulting in approximately \$7,000 available to help the Seminary.

Dr. Richard Crossman thanked the Women's Auxiliary for the many ways in which they rendered assistance, i.e. reception after Seminary's annual opening service, graduation gifts for senior seminarians, and the many special projects, large and small, undertaken on their behalf.

He also reported that full-time Seminary enrollment was holding its own at a ratio of 50% male and 50% female.

Past-President Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer paid tribute to Mrs. Evelyn Vogt who passed away August 20, 1990. Among other duties, Mrs. Vogt had served as 1st and 2nd Vice-President of the WLS Women's Auxiliary, and continued to make entries in the Auxiliary's citation records despite health problems.

Guest speaker was the Rev. John Neeb, Professor of Old Testament Theology at WLS, who gave a sketch of his duties at the Seminary. The speakers for the special feature were the Rev. Fred Ludolph, his wife Debbie Lou Ludolph and the Rev. Eric Reble. Attendance at the meeting was 244.

Dr. Crossman explained that the special offering would be used to replace worn-out vestments and stoles used at Seminary Chapel services. The seminary also planned to purchase a projector to be used in classes to help students improve their communication skills.

1991

During this special year of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary's 80th anniversary, President Mrs. Joyce Dietrich shared a history of the partnership between WLS and the Women's Auxiliary. Initially, the Auxiliary's major focus was to attend to the physical needs of the Seminary students. That has changed over the years to more direct involvement with provision of scholarships and financial support for clinical training.

The 1991 special project was the restoration of the original altar and cross from Willison Hall for use in the new worship center. The annual meeting offering was used to help the Rev. Eliakim Shaanika who came from Namibia to study at the Seminary.

Guest speakers included the Rev. Shaanika, who gave an outline of the history of the Lutheran Church in Namibia, and the Rev. Albert Lorch who described his duties at Seminary as Director of Resource Development and Alumni Relations. The Auxiliary purchased a karamate for the Seminary which provides an excellent way of telling the story of the Seminary from its beginning to the present time. The Seminary PA system was also updated in 1991.

1992

The Auxiliary began the year 1991-92 with a reception for students and faculty at the Paul Martin Centre following the opening of the Fall semester. The Auxiliary provided squares, fruit, tea and coffee for the occasion. Our own silver service was used for the first time in many years.

At the 1992 annual meeting, Auxiliary executive reported on the previous year's completed projects: clinical grants, scholarships, ordination gift certificates and the restoration of the original chapel altar from Willison Hall. The Rev. Paul Bosch spoke about a special project for the next year: kneeling cushions for the marble floor of the altar in the Chapel. Renowned artist Nancy Lou Patterson was consulted and a tentative plan was approved. This was a gift worthy of the Auxiliary's 80th anniversary in 1993. Special thanks were expressed to the

women of the church for the beautiful quilts they make year after year (thirty quilts were received in 1992), and also to Mrs. Dorothy Schaefer for all the work she has done over the years.

1993

This is the year of the Auxiliary's 80th anniversary.

The tradition of an annual meeting on the last Wednesday of September will be continued at St. John's Lutheran Church on September 29, 1993. Newly elected president, Mrs. Margurite Hollinger will preside at the annual meeting and guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Arnold Weigel, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Supervisor of Contextual Education at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Dr. Crossman will introduce some of the new seminarians.

The kneelers for the Seminary chapel should be upholstered and in place by September 29th. Following the annual meeting, participants will be taken to the Seminary for a dedication service. They will again be able to view many of the projects which have been completed by the Auxiliary over the years, including the refurbished portraits of past-presidents of the Seminary which hang in the corridor of the Bell Tower Chapel.

Keeping pace with changing needs, the largest recurring item on the Auxiliary's project lists are the Clinical Training Bursaries for seminary students. We feel this training is invaluable to seminarians and something they could ill afford without the assistance of the Auxiliary. And of course, each year about 30 beautiful quilts are lovingly crafted by women in congregations across our Synod, and given to grateful first-year students.

As the Women's Auxiliary celebrates 80 years of ministry, we thank God for the faith, generosity and commitment of our founders and forerunners. We pray for continued guidance as we go forward in service to the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

*The Women's Auxiliary
of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary*

Presidents:

<i>Mrs. Fred (Ida) Stahlschmidt</i>	1913 - 1932	19
<i>Mrs. Jacob (Clara) Conrad</i>	1932 - 1941	9
<i>Mrs. William (Ruth) Gillespie</i>	1941 - 1949	
<i>Mrs. C.H. (Louise) Doerr</i>	1949 - 1956	
<i>Mrs. C.H. (Olive) Musselman</i>	1956 - 1958	
<i>Mrs. O.O. (Marie) Ireland</i>	1958 - 1962	
<i>Mrs. Harry (Dorothy) Greb</i>	1962 - 1966	
<i>Mrs. Walter (Jean) Hachborn</i>	1966 - 1970	
<i>Mrs. A.H. (Helen) Chapman</i>	1970 - 1973	
<i>Mrs. Harold (Evelyn) Vogt</i>	1973 - 1978	
<i>Mrs. Clarence (Mary) Heer</i>	1978 - 1980	
<i>Mrs. Ernest (Dorothy) Schaefer</i>	1980 - 1984	
<i>Mrs. Norman (Isabel) Dotzenroth</i>	1984 - 1988	
<i>Mrs. Harold (Joyce) Dietrich</i>	1988 - 1992	
<i>Mrs. Howard (Margurite) Hollinger</i>	1992	