

Walker Journal B-4 (Mrs. Harry E. Walker)

“Wednesday Afternoon Club” Organized 1902

1972 – 70th Anniversary of the Wednesday Afternoon Club

Invitations mailed
Feb. 14, 1972

Year Joined

1934 – Mrs. Neville Rowbotham
417 West 9th St.
Claremont, 91711

1950 – Mrs. L.D. Bewley
977 Lincoln Ave.
Pomona, 91767

1953 – Mrs. Manly Rutz
P.O. Box #481
Avalon, 90704

1923 – Mrs. Fay C. Marchant
654 West 10th St.
Claremont, 91711

1957 – Mrs. C.D. Cothran
1733 North Gibbs
Pomona, 91767

1957 – Mrs. Paul Maag
1103 Harber Hills Dr.
Santa Barbara, 93105

1955 – Mrs. J.O. Tillman
1676 Vista del Mar Dr.
Ventura, 93003

1914 – Mrs. H.S. Gilman (oldest – in 1972)

1946 – Mrs. Will G. Fields
2663 Tallant Rd.
Santa Barbara, 93105

1944 – Mrs. Freed Gaul
13640 Naanopali Dr.
Sun City, 85351

1953 – Mrs. C.M. Johnson
316 Hazel Dr.
Corona del Mar, 92625

1944 – Mrs. Everett Gray
Star Rt., Box #40
Joshua Tree, 92252

1937 – Mrs. S.D. Thomason
1457 Tulane Rd.
Claremont, 91711

1932 – Mrs. H. Jerry Voorhes
630 West Bonita Ave.
Claremont, 91711

~~Miss Alice Moore~~
~~650 West Harrison~~ } deceased
~~Claremont, 91711~~

1928 – Mrs. Walter Guerin
395 East Jefferson
Pomona, 91767

1912 – Mrs. John C. Walker older than Mrs. Gilman?
2705 Mountain View Dr.
La Verne, 91750

1928 – Mrs. Lloyd Ellsberry
(Marguerite Tillman)
31455 West Street
South Laguna, 92677

1942 – Mrs. A.B. Hall
604 North San Dimas Ave.

San Dimas, 91773

1933 – Mrs. Robert S. Walker
900 E. Harrison D-12
Pomona, 91767

1938 – Mrs. Grant Phillips
Box 2058
Laguna Hills, 92653

1966 – Mrs. Robert Christofferson
625 Rancho Simi Dr.
Covina, 91722

1964 – Mrs. Robert Belknop
420 South Harbor Blvd.
Santa Ana, 92704

1928 – Mrs. Dallas Walker
1362 Lafayette Rd.
Lafayette Apts.
Claremont, 91711

1953 – Mrs. Harry Bender
2109 Avenida Fuentes
Newport Beach, 92660

1953 – Mrs. Ed Anderson
2042 A Via Mariposa East
Laguna Hills, 92653

Didn't invite, but were surviving!

1964 – Mrs. Robert Carlson
Sacramento,

1960 – Mrs. Peter Jansen
Sonoma,

1928 – Mrs. Jere Bowden
Ontario Convalescent Home

“The Wednesday Afternoon Club”

With World War I, a great change came to San Dimas—as it did to the rest of the nation. The happy peaceful life we had led up to that time became a thing of the past. The one thing in life was to win the war and bring our sons home as soon as possible.

San Dimas became a beehive of activity and her war record was something to be proud of. The members of the Wednesday Afternoon Club did themselves proud—they helped in every way and some of them were outstanding in their accomplishments. I cannot name them all—but Mrs. Compton, Mrs. W.G. Smith, and Mrs. F.E. Miller were a few who were in this class.

When the war was over there still seemed to be much to do. The Wednesday Afternoon Club adopted two French war orphans—caring for them by the voluntary contributions of the members, at first. It was finally decided it would be best to raise the necessary money in some other way so we tried having a rummage sale—this proved to be such a success that we have continued to have them annually ever since. To date we have had 30.

Until the First World War this club was purely social in character, however since adopting the French orphans the club has held an enviable pace in the community for its philanthropic work, at the same time retaining its social stature.

While there were still no organized charities in the town, the Wednesday Club took on the responsibility of care for the needy, furnishing meals and milk for under-nourished children and meeting other charitable demands when these needs were not cared for by other means. The club continued its good work by helping the Boy and Girl Scouts, giving hundreds of dollars to each group. They furnished a room at the Pomona Valley Hospital, helped with Community Chest and Red Cross drives, sent many boys and girls to summer camp, and furnished tickets to Bonita High School students for the Artists Course in Claremont. They furnished musical instruments for the elementary school, provided treats at Christmas time for the Mexican children of the community, contributed to the beautification program of the valley, established a Students Loan Fund for local young people, and performed many other charitable acts such as “Care” packages to foreign countries and contributions to Casa Colina. The club underwrites many worthwhile projects and is recognized as one of the most outstanding and helpful clubs in the entire valley.

This spring tea today is the culmination of fifty years in the community as a social and philanthropic bulwark.

Rummage Sales

I feel I should say more about our rummage sales. They are the one thing that every club member is supposed to help put over—either by donations or labor or both. If they are unable to do that, they are really supposed to make a contribution. This is one of the obligations they assume when they join the club—otherwise we do not feel club material. Most of the members

are wonderful about doing their part. Putting on a sale entails a great deal of work as many of you know. Our committees have always been very efficient. And here I feel I should mention two of our members who have been so faithful through all these years. We have had 30 sales and Mrs. Frank Taylor has served on every committee, with Mrs. W.G. Smith a close second. I am sure very few realize just how important their help has been in making these sales so successful. To date we have raised more than \$9,000.00 all of which has been spent in philanthropic work. For this reason, the entire community assists with these sales. None of the proceeds are used for club entertainment—our dues are used for our programs.

Returns from Rummage Sales from 1921 to 1951 inclusive:

1921 - \$ 327.15
1922 - 262.88
1923 - 286.50
1924 - 341.34
1925 - 380.00
1926 - 349.89
1927 - 349.06
1928 - 380.90
1929 - 353.57
1930 - 313.93
1931 - 216.15
1932 - 128.05
1933 - 143.42
1934 - 131.85
1935 - 185.26
1936 - 182.62
1937 - 147.46
1938 - 178.00
1939 - 170.43
1940 - 202.27
1941 - 243.20
1942 - 380.08
1943 - 376.08
1944 - 323.43
1945 - 337.67
1946 - 442.88
1947 - 418.39
1948 - 356.12
1949 - 396.67
1950 - 436.66
1951 - 410.84
\$9,152.75

March 23-24, 1945

Returns from Rummage Sales from 1951:

1952 - \$ 421.98

1953 - 503.29

1954 - 525.98

1955 - 501.00

\$11,104.00 about

I estimate about \$15,000 by 1964 when ceased.

D.E. Downs, researcher for 70th anniversary

Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club held its first rummage sale in 1921. From 1921 to 1929 there were no records kept of our expenditures even though during that period we had raised through our rummage sales \$2,677.72—all of which had been spent for worthy causes in San Dimas with the exception of that portion which was spent in helping the French orphans for the first two years.

I think it will be interesting to make a record of some of the worthwhile things the Wednesday Club ladies have been responsible for through the years. As I mentioned before, our records date from 1929. I will not make an itemized statement –will only hit the high spots.

1929 – 1930

- Furnished a room at the Pomona Valley Hospital which is designated as Wednesday Club Room - \$500.00
- To the San Dimas grammar school cafeteria - \$151.70
- School Prizes - \$25.00
- Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets where needed

1930 - 1931

- Boy Scouts - \$300.00
- Girl Scouts - \$100.00
- Food for school and baskets for needy - \$102.35
- To Mrs. Hosford for Mexican's Christmas - \$25.00

1931 – 1932

- Food for baskets and milk for children - \$60.00
- Sewing prizes and material for grammar school - \$20.00
- Local Relief - \$27.41
- Girl Scouts - \$100.00
- Mrs. Hosford for Mexican's Christmas - \$25.00

1932 – 1933

- Local Relief - \$114.00
- Mrs. Hosford, Mexican's treat - \$10.00

1933 – 1934

- Local Relief - \$160.00
- S.E.R.A. - \$10.00
- Mrs. Hosford for Mexicans - \$15.00

1934 – 1935

- Local Relief - \$98.63
- Emergency Committee \$20.00
- School, Miss Tipton - \$24.00
- Mrs. Hosford for Mexicans - \$20.00

1935 – 1936

- Philharmonic for High School pupils, tickets - \$6.00
- Mrs. Hosford for Mexican's Christmas - \$25.00
- Miss Ellis Tipton for camp program - \$50.00

1936 – 1937

- Philharmonic tickets for high school pupils - \$12.00
- Mrs. Hosford for Mexicans - \$20.95

1937 – 1938

- Philharmonic tickets for Bonita pupils - \$12.00
- Welfare - \$30.00
- Ellis Tipton for girls camp - \$50.00
- Mrs. Hosford for Mexican's Xmas - \$25.00
- For Bonita High School girls gym - \$100.00
- San Dimas Elementary School drapes - \$100.00

1938 – 1939

- Mrs. Hosford for Mexican's Xmas - \$25.00
- For Mud Springs marker - \$25.00

1939 – 1940

- Boy Scouts - \$30.00
- Girl Scouts - \$40.00
- Philharmonic tickets for high school students - \$8.60
- Local Relief - \$25.00
- Red Cross - \$10.00
- Pomona Valley Hospital - \$50.00
- Casa Colina Hospital - \$50.00
- Summer Playground - \$50.00

1940 – 1941

- Philharmonic tickets for high school students - \$12.00

- Mrs. Hosford, Mexican's Christmas - \$25.00
- S.D. Elementary School - \$43.32
- Help for children - \$10.00
- Camp for girls - \$50.00

1941 – 1942

- Mrs. Hosford for Mexican's Xmas - \$25.00
- Red Cross Casualty Station - \$100.00
- Red Cross Sheets - \$15.00
- Community Chest - \$50.00
- Home and School Club - \$100.00
- Tickets for Artists Course for high school students - \$19.80
- Soldiers kits - \$10.00

1942 – 1943

- Artist course tickets, H.S.S. - \$19.80
- Mrs. Hosford for Mexican's Xmas - \$25.00
- Reconditioning Red Cross room - \$5.00
- San Dimas Recreation Program - \$100.00
- San Dimas Recreation Program - \$50.00
- 9 month's rent at \$10.00 per month - \$90.00

1943 – 1944

- Artist Course tickets, H.S.S. - \$21.60
- Community Council - \$50.00
- Rent Mrs. Hattie Weirick, 12 months - \$120.00
- Red Cross room, San Dimas branch - \$100.00

1944 – 1945

- War Bonds - \$500.00
- Rent for Red Cross room - \$60.00

1945 – 1946

- Artist Course tickets, H.S.S. - \$21.60
- Girl Scouts Camp - \$30.00
- San Dimas Coordinating Council - \$100.00
- Casa Colina Home - \$25.00
- Red Cross store room - \$119.35
- Raymond Sickel R.C. - \$160.25

- San Dimas Elementary School - \$100.00
- Girl Scout Camp - \$42.00
- Welfare - \$30.00
- S.D.G.S. piano fund - \$50.00
- Mt. San Antonio College to furnish girls lounge - \$100.00
- Artist Course tickets H.S.S. - \$21.60
- Musical Instruments S.D.G.S. - \$100.00

1946 – 1947

- Girl Scouts - \$25.00
- San Dimas Grammar School - \$150.00
- Recreational Program S.D.G.S. - \$10.00
- Y.W.C.A. Camp - \$40.00
- Girl Scout Camp - \$25.00
- Artist Course tickets - \$4.00 advance
- Y.W.C.A. Camp - \$6.00

1947 – 1948

- Teen Age Building - \$100.00
- Artist Course tickets - \$24.60 balance
- Teen Age Building - \$100.00
- C.A.R.E. packages - \$120.00 to Britain
- C.A.R.E. packages - \$10.00 to Britain
- Y.M.C.A. Camp - \$15.00
- Y.M.C.A. Camp - \$84.00
- Elementary School Recreational Program - \$10.00
- C.A.R.E. packages - \$120.00 to Britain

1948 – 1949

- Artists Course tickets H.S.S. - \$28.80
- Artist Course - \$29.70
- Halloween Fund - \$25.00
- Scout Camp Fund - \$90.00
- San Gabriel Y. Camp - \$45.00
- Trays for Club - \$40.38

1949 – 1950

- Toy Loan - \$10.00
- Philharmonic tickets - \$26.40

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1953 – 1954 continued

- Chairs for club - \$74.92
- To refurbish the Wednesday Club room at the P.V. Hospital - \$500.00

Charter Members

A short history of each.

Mrs. James H. Judson – lived in the two story house at the corner of San Dimas Ave. and Commercial St. Mr. Judson's father came to California on a visit during the boom of the late eighties. He was from Conneaut, Ohio. Like many other tourists, he was charmed with California. Before he went back he had purchased about 25 acres of land in San Dimas reaching from San Dimas Ave. on the east to Acacia St. on the west—bounded on the north by Commercial St. and on the south by Cienega Ave. He also purchased ten acres of land farther west on Cienega on the south side of the street.

He had all of this acreage planted to citrus—a Mr. Regis had charge of it and was overseer of the ranch. Mr. Judson was a lumber man—quite wealthy—he went back to Conneaut, Ohio, had plans drawn for the house, had all the lumber cut for the house according to the plans. The next year he was returning to California with the lumber for his house and was bringing a man and his wife to live in the house and have it ready when the Judson's came to California. The wife of this caretaker was very carsick—they were in a tourist car—Mr. Judson was in a Pullman. In those days there were no vestibules on the trains and as Mr. Judson was passing from one car to the other, taking a pot of tea to the woman, he was thrown from the train into a deep canyon and killed. He only had one son, James H., so he came to California to look after the property. They built the house but not according to the original plan and after about 1890 the Judson family spent six months of the year in California and loved it. They spent their winters in California for about 15 years. This house has been changed but little since that time.
1952

Mrs. James W. Walker – and her daughter, Mrs. Fred Potts lived on the west side of San Dimas Avenue between Bonita Avenue and First Street in the building that was built for a hotel during the boom. It was completed in the fall of 1887.

It was purchased by Mr. J.W. Walker in 1890 for a home at the same time he purchased forty acres of citrus on West Bonita Avenue—this extended to Cienega on the south. This building was never used as a hotel, has always been a private home. It has been occupied by the same family for 62 years. It has a very interesting history. There have been no changes. 1952

Mrs. Harry E. Walker – lived on First Street, north side of the street. It was the first dwelling house built in San Dimas. It was a six room cottage, built by the San José Land Company for their land agent, Mr. E.M. Marshall. It was completed in the spring of 1887. It is still standing and but few changes have been made. 1952

Mrs. R.M. Teague – lived on the corner of Bonita Avenue and Iglesia in a lovely new cottage

they had built in 1900. Quite the nicest house in the townsite at that time. This house is just as it was when built, no changes. 1952

Mrs. E.W. Hart – lived on the west side of Grand Avenue, the place now belongs to J.J. Maechtlen. It has been remodeled several times since then. It had belonged to Mr. Hart's father. After his death his son married and came here to live. 1952

Mrs. Charles H. Cannon and Miss Ann Priest – lived at the corner of Covina Boulevard and Amelia Avenue in a lovely new house which Mr. Cannon built in 1900. It was one of the first really nice houses built in this locality since the boom days.

Miss Priest was related to Mrs. Cannon by marriage and made her home with her. This house has been remodeled several times. 1952

Former Members of Wednesday Club and Their Addresses
1952

Mrs. Marie Stuart Wheeler
350 Del Rey Ave.
Pasadena

Mrs. Cloyd Marshall
7027 Lanewood Ave.
Hollywood 28, Calif.

Mrs. W.E. Clopins
1930 Canyon Drive
Hollywood 28, Calif.

Mrs. Florence Baker Clum
1055 N. Kingsley Drive
Los Angeles 27, Calif.

Mrs. Harry E. Crenshaw
Route 3, Box 90
Escondido, Calif.

Mrs. Robert S. Walker
Covina, Calif.

Mrs. John P. Roberts
1241 Vista St.
Hollywood 49, Calif.

Mrs. C.L. Compton
212 N. Coast Blvd., Apt. 6
Laguna Beach

Mrs. Lloyd Ellsberry
31455 West St.
So. Laguna Beach

Mrs. M.H. White
c/o Minor White
Covina, Calif.

Mrs. Richard L. McKinnie
7266 North Jackson Place
San Gabriel, Calif.

Mrs. John C. Walker
705 E. Alvarado
Pomona, Calif.

Mrs. Lucien S. Taylor
1857 N. Garey Ave.
Pomona, Calif.

Mrs. Carrie May
3617 30th St.
San Diego 4, Calif.

Mrs. Jere Voorhis
3627 Hawthorne
Winnetka, Ill.

Mrs. Knowles Reyerson
16 College Park
Davis, Calif.

Mrs. Minnie M. Howe
640 Tulsa St.
Norman, Okla.

Mrs. B.H. McCurdy
Stillwell Hotel
838 S. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles

Mrs. O.A. Evans
1801 Covina Blvd.
San Dimas, Cal.

Mrs. Everett Gray
222 E. Foothill Blvd.
La Verne, Calif.

Mrs. Clinton DeWitt
606 Marguerite Ave.
Corona Del Mar, Calif.

Mrs. Grant Phillips
Box 532
Fallbrook, Calif.

Mrs. William Landon
370 S. Euclid
Pasadena, Calif.

Mrs. Horace E. Howard
5930 Franklin Ave.
Hollywood 28, Calif.

Mrs. Frank H. Harwood
380 Teague Drive
Santa Paula, Calif.

Mrs. Katherine L. Tangeman
230 Monroe
Pomona, Calif.

Mrs. Herbert S. Gilman
319 S. Park Ave.
Pomona, Calif.

Mrs. S.D. Thomason
438 Baughman
Claremont, Calif.

Mrs. Jere C. Bowden
1027 N. Euclid Ave.
Ontario, Calif.

Mrs. Walter Guerin
395 E. Jefferson
Pomona, Calif.

Mrs. Edith Hosford
E. Covina Ave.
San Dimas,

Mrs. Lawrence Hawks

Mrs. E. Shepherd

Mrs. W.H. Johnson

Mrs. James B. Vaile

Mrs. W.J. Worsham

Mrs. Carter Benner

Mrs. C.E. Corry

Mrs. Stella Hart

Mrs. Irene Kellar

Mrs. A. R. Brown

Mrs. Chas E. Boyle

Mrs. J.T. Wright

Mrs. John C. Roberts

Mrs. George Pearson

Mrs. Robert S. Walker
Covina, Calif.

Wednesday Afternoon Club Membership from 1902 – 1951

*Mrs. Harry E. Walker – 1902
*Mrs. James W. Walker – 1902
*Mrs. James H. Judson – 1902
*Mrs. Robert M. Teague – 1902
*Mrs. Charles H. Cannon – 1902
*Mrs. Ann Priest (Cannon) – 1902
*Mrs. Fred W. Potts – 1902
*Mrs. Elmer W. Hart – 1902

***Original Members**

Mrs. A.R. Brown
Mrs. Mell W. Bennett
Mrs. J.S. Billheimer
Mrs. C.A. Butler
Mrs. Jason E. Calkins
Mrs. Harry E. Crenshaw
Mrs. John P. Campbell – Oct. 1933
Mrs. Clinton DeWitt
Mrs. John P. Roberts – 1903
Mrs. C.L. Compton
Mrs. Thomas E. Gore
Miss Emma L. Hawks
Mrs. George W. Hosford
Mrs. F.A. Hickman
Mrs. Samuel Jewel
Mrs. J.C. Lussier
Mrs. F.B. Landon
Mrs. William H. Macy
Mrs. George C. Platt
Mrs. Delia Strader
Mrs. Julia Taylor
Mrs. Oliver S. Tillman
Mrs. Ed. W. Thomas
Mrs. John C. Walker
Mrs. M.H. White
Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler
Mrs. A.L. Yarbrough
Mrs. Charles E. Boyle
Mrs. Chas George
Mrs. C.E. Stickle

Mrs. A.O. Evans
Mrs. Lawrence Hawks
Mrs. E. Shepherd
Mrs. Robert Hope – 1909
Mrs. W.H. Johnson
Mrs. S.M. Kepner
Mrs. R.L. McKinnie
Miss Terry M. Liskipes
Mrs. George H. Perry
Mrs. A.E. Spencer
Mrs. James B. Vaile
Mrs. W.J. Worsham
Mrs. Frank E. Miller
Mrs. George M. Pearson
Mrs. Carter Benner
Mrs. Sarah Walker
Mrs. S.E. Howe
Mrs. C.E. Corry
Mrs. Will F. Shields
Mrs. Marie Stuart Wheeler
Mrs. Cloyd Marshall
Mrs. E.G. Kelly
Mrs. Stella Hart
Mrs. Knowles Reyerson
Mrs. John P. Clum
Mrs. Byron Lisk
Mrs. Irene Kellar – Jan. 1929
Mrs. Shelton Bissell – 1928
Mrs. A.J. Morrison
Mrs. W. B. Anies
Mrs. Charles L. Bennett
Mrs. B.H. McCurdy
Mrs. Robert S. Walker – 1933
Mrs. Will W. Fields
Mrs. W.C. Davenport
Mrs. Walker Guerin
Mrs. Albert C. Davenport
Mrs. Jere C. Bowden
Mrs. Dale Thomason
Mrs. Herbert S. Gilman

Mrs. Frank H. Harwood - 1905
Mrs. Elizabeth Hildebrand
Mrs. William E. Landon
Mrs. Katherine Tangeman
Mrs. William M. Martin
Mrs. Horace E. Howard
Mrs. Laura Belle Clopine
Mrs. Lucien S. Taylor
Mrs. Lloyd S. Ellsberry
Mrs. Grant Phillips – June 1938
Mrs. O.H. Young
Mrs. Jerre Voorhis – Oct. 1933
Mrs. Carrie May
Mrs. J.T. Wright
Mrs. Everett Gray – 1944
Mrs. J.G. Roberts – May 1941
Mrs. W.A. Johnstone – 1909
Mrs. Mattie Campbell

Mrs. Everett Gray
222 E. Foothill Blvd.
LaVerne, Cal.

Wednesday Afternoon Club Membership list – 1951-1952

Sept. 1946

Mrs. Eric DeMoulin – Dec. 1935
Mrs. Hayden H. Jones
Mrs. W.F. Hathaway – June 1938
Mrs. E.H. Bixby
Mrs. B.G. Richardson – Oct. 1933
Mrs. R. Teague
Mrs. T. Roe Hobbs
Mrs. G. Cyril Platt
Mrs. Dallas Walker – Nov. 1928
Mrs. Fred Smith – Oct. 1936
Mrs. George Ferguson
Mrs. W.G. Fields – Sept 1946
Mrs. Fredrick Kennedy – Oct. 1934
Mrs. L.E. Belknap – June 1938
Miss Alice Moore – Oct. 1940
Mrs. F.H. Nusbickel
Mrs. O.E. Hertz
Mrs. S.W. Plummer – June 1938
Mrs. F.H. Taylor
Mrs. Ida M. Gregg
Mrs. Harry E. Walker – 1902
Mrs. Wallace H. Downs
Mrs. G.F. Harbin – Oct. 1942
Mrs. R. I. Carruthers
Mrs. W.B. Tangeman – Nov. 1928
Mrs. Chester Lukens – Dec. 1946
Mrs. Fred Gaul
Mrs. Donald Morrison
Mrs. Beverly Hall – Oct. 1942
Mrs. R.N. Rowbotham – Jan.1933
Mrs. J.J. Maechtlen
Mrs. Floyd Bunnelle
Mrs. H.H. Heald – May 1941
Mrs. Fay C. Marchant
Mrs. Archie O. Hayes
Mrs. W.G. Smith
Mrs. W.A. Johnstone – 1909
Miss Agnes Ferry – Oct. 1942
Mrs. Etta McDonald

Mrs. Martha Dent – Dec. 1951
Mrs. Felix Gerouix – Oct. 1951

Wednesday Afternoon Club Membership List 1955-1956

	Phone
Mrs. Eric DeMoulin	7-3361
Mrs. Chester P. Lukens	7-5521
Mrs. Walter B. Tangenian	4-1206
Mrs. G. Cyril Platt	7-2721
Mrs. William G. Smith	7-4892
Mrs. T. Roe Hobbs	7-4841
Mrs. Berne G. Richardson	7-4444
Mrs. Lawrence E. Belknap	7-4255
Mrs. W.F. Hathaway	7-1711
Mrs. Edward H. Bixby	4-8188
Mrs. Fay C. Marchant	7-3371
Mrs. Walker Downs	7-5201
Mrs. Stanley W. Plummer	7-3733
Mrs. Frank H. Taylor	7-2644
Miss Agnes Ferry	7-3961
Mrs. Ed W. Anderson	7-1665
Mrs. Laurance C. Burke	7-1539
Mrs. R. Neville Rowbotham	7-1651
Mrs. Archie O. Hayes	7-4973
Mrs. Beverly Hall	7-2643
Mrs. Harry E. Walker	7-6011
Mrs. Frederick Kennedy, Jr.	7-3163
Mrs. Floyd Bunnelle	4-4516
Mrs. Fred G. Smith	7-3145
Mrs. Russel W. Teague	7-6248
Mrs. Harry E. Bender	7-6193
Mrs. Paul Spencer	7-6151
Mrs. G.F. Harbin	7-1231
Mrs. Oscar E. Hertz	7-2591
Mrs. Martha M. Dent	7-1874
Mrs. Jules J. Maechtlen	7-1247
Mrs. Hayden H. Jones	7-3152
Mrs. J.F. Giroux	4-4945
Mrs. Manly Reitz	7-1872
Mrs. John O. Tillman	7-1221
Mrs. Robert C. Jensen	7-2404

Mrs. Fred Gaul	7-6181
Mrs. Dallas I. Walker	7-4442
Mrs. John I. Carruthers	7-6941
Mrs. Raymond I. Carruthers	7-4304

Wednesday Club Notes

Following are some of the outstanding meetings of the club that I remember, but I have long since forgotten the dates. In the early days we really put a great deal of thought and effort in our entertainments and all the members were really interested and cooperated.

1. A Colonial Party at the home of Mrs. J.W. Walker and her daughter Mrs. Potts. This was an evening party with the husbands as guests. It was a beautiful party with everyone in costume. Some of the costumes were lovely. Prizes were given for the best. An excellent dinner.
2. A stunt party at the home of Mrs. Robt. M. Teague. This was also an evening party with the husbands as guests. Everyone was required to participate and it was a hilarious occasion. Much latent talent was brought to light—two of our dignified ladies put on a “jig” that was excellent, some sang, others danced, told stories, did sleight-of-hand tricks, and so on—little one act plays, guessing games and other stunts too numerous to mention were performed.
3. A “Mother Goose Party” at the home of Mrs. Jason Calkins. Everyone came in the costume of a Mother Goose character and they were good. Each one had to recite his particular rhyme. Old Mother Hubbard, Queen of Hearts, Little Boy Blue, Little Red Riding Hood, Mistress Mary and all the others were there.
4. A luncheon at a lovely tea room in San Marino with a visit to the Huntington Art Gallery and Library.
5. A luncheon at one of the lovely hotels in Los Angeles—with a theatre party in the afternoon. In those days we went to Los Angeles on the Pacific Electric cars. A Los Angeles Theatre party was a treat.
6. A costume party at the home of Mrs. Samuel Jewel. Everyone was in costume, and some of them were unique—“Little Orphan Annie,” a tramp. And a wonderful luncheon and entertainment were provided.
7. District School Party at the home of Mrs. W.A. Johnstone. The furniture was removed from the living room and was replaced by school room furniture of an early day. Desk and bell, wooden water pail with dipper, etc. Large framed crayon pictures of the school board on the wall. All were dressed as school girls and most of them were darling—short dresses, curls and ribbons, even the older ladies were in costume and they were wonderful. Mrs. Harwood’s mother, Mrs. Spencer, was the dignified teacher. She arrived wearing a linen duster and a little fancy bonnet with lace mitts carrying a lace trimmed parasol. This was the last day of school—all were in their best bib and tucker. When Mrs. Spencer took off her duster she had on a long dress with tight basque buttoned down the front. She wore a long gold watch chain with a gold watch in a little lace pocket. The high necked basque had a rouche and was fastened with a cameo brooch. She also carried a fan. She conducted classes in a very formal and precise

manner, taking some of us back to our early childhood days. At noon we were given a paper sack with our lunch in it and dismissed to eat our lunch in the garden, after which we were to have our last day program. This program was going along nicely when visitors arrived, some of the husbands dressed in knee trousers, blouse waists, Windsor ties with straw hats. They created a panic at first, then havoc. The rest of the program was impromptu but it was all a lot of fun and certainly different.

8. Then there was a plantation party.
9. And a Dude Ranch Party.

May, 1925 – The Wednesday Club was entertained by the club president, Mrs. E.M. Wheeler, at her home on San Dimas Ave. from three to five o'clock. She had a rare treat for the members and a few guests. Her house was transformed into a gallery with an exhibit of rare oil paintings from the Biltmore Salon in Los Angeles. This was enjoyed thoroughly.

June, 1925 – The Wednesday Club was entertained at luncheon at the spacious Balboa Cottage of Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Gilman. The hospitality extended by the hostesses was so cordial and charming that everyone enjoyed the day in spite of the rainy weather. After a delightful luncheon a few brave ones engaged in a swimming match. Hostesses Gilman, Calkins, Howard, Bixby and Ferguson.

April, 1928 – San Dimas Wednesday Afternoon Club in Fashion Show. Wednesday Club met for a one o'clock luncheon at the spacious home of Mrs. Fred Potts on San Dimas Ave. After a delightful luncheon, the club members and guests gathered in the beautifully decorated drawing room. As the strains of old familiar tunes were played, young ladies marched dressed in wonderful costumes of days long gone by. Some of the gowns were as much as a hundred and twenty years old. Most of the gowns displayed belonged to the Walker family—the others belonging to club members. To the strains of the wedding march came Mrs. Harmon Bixby wearing the wedding dress of Mrs. L.H. Bixby—1875. Then came Mrs. Frank Taylor wearing her own wedding dress of beautiful white silk. Jane Carruthers came next, wearing her grandmother Potts wedding dress of imported white satin, trimmed with seed pearls with tulle veil—1885. Next a red velvet gown worn by Mrs. Potts at the inaugural ball of President Cleveland in 1885. Virginia Carruthers wore a dress, cape and hat of 1833. This dress had been in the family for 95 years. There were tea gowns, 1885, afternoon dresses, a graduation dress, old time dolmans, capes and dusters dating back to 1860, some bonnets 126 years old were shown during the afternoon. A little playlet written by Mrs. Potts was acted out by her granddaughter, Virginia Carruthers as the modern flapper and the dame of long ago by Mrs. W.C. Davenport. The playlet was called "Time Moves"—it was cleverly written and well acted and scored many laughs. Hostesses—Mrs. Carruthers, Mrs. Harry Walker, Mrs. Bixby, Mrs. Frank Taylor and Mrs. Potts.

July, 1932 – A lovely garden party at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elder, in Live Oak Canyon. The husbands were entertained. The dinner was served at small tables arranged in the garden over-looking the swimming pool. The evening was spent playing bridge and visiting. The hostesses were Mrs. W.A. Johnstone, Mrs. W.G. Smith, Mrs. R.I. Carruthers, Mrs. F.W. Potts and Mrs. W.J. Gregg.

May, 1935 – Wednesday Club members and guests were entertained at a matinee party and tea at Padua Hills Little Theatre. The performance was “The Sea Gull.” The hostesses were Mrs. L.S. Taylor, W.E. Landon, J.T. Wright, W.G. Fields and Donald Morrison.

November, 1932 – A lovely afternoon tea and program was given at the house of Mrs. W.E. Landon on Hollenbeck Road. The decorations were beautiful. Clarduce Johnson of San Bernardino gave a delightful program of piano numbers, playing compositions from Chopin, DeBussy, Ravel, and Liszt. Hostesses—Bowden Martin, D. Walker, McDonald, Landon.

May, 1936 – A Spanish dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Potts. The Spanish motif was carried out in the dinner menu, table decorations and place cards. Spanish shawls were worn by the hostesses and gay corsages were presented to the guests at the door. During the dinner, guests were entertained by Ula Wolfe and her Spanish Enchantadores of Riverside Mission Inn, who furnished a program throughout the evening, featuring Anita Roel and Lolita Gonzales as soloists with an orchestra accompaniment. This was the annual husbands night. The hostesses were Mrs. Frank Harwood, Mrs. Dallas Walker, Mrs. Hildebrand, Mrs. B.G. Richardson, and Mrs. Frank Taylor.

March, 1936 – A lovely tea at “Home Acres” the delightful home of the club president, Mrs. Frank Harwood. Mrs. Hull of Los Angeles gave a most interesting resume of current world events, two book reviews, and also reviewed a play. Mrs. W.A. Johnstone and Mrs. Harry E. Walker poured tea. Hostesses were Mrs. E.H. Bixby, H.H. Jones, W.E. Landon, H.S. Gilman, Cyril Platt & Miss Etta McDonald.

January, 1931 – A lovely tea at Home Acres, the delightful Harwood house. Miss Helen Hardison, director of the Cummock School of Expression, gave a review of *Half Gods* reading excerpts from it. Miss Hardison is co-worker with Mrs. E.M. Wheeler of San Dimas who is also a member of the Cummock faculty. After several years on the stage touring the country with Walker Whiteside, Miss Hardison decided to return to Los Angeles and accepted the position at Cummock. She has also played with the players in the Pasadena Community Playhouse. She is a daughter of A.C. Hardison of Santa Paula, one of the big fruit growers, and is known by many in this community. Hostesses—Wheeler, Fields, Bunnelle, and W. Tangeman-Harwood.

April, 1935 – Wednesday Club luncheon at the hillside home of Mrs. Harry E. Walker. Following the luncheon Mr. B.L. Rice, business manager of Voorhis School for Boys, who recently returned from a trip to Panama where he was taking pictures for the National Geographic Magazine showed pictures and gave a talk on his trip—most interesting. Hostesses—A.C. Davenport, Bunnelle, K. Tangeman, Jere Voorhis, Walker.

April, 1930 – Luncheon at the home of Mrs. Harry Walker. Following the luncheon members of the club gave a very delightful program composed of two music numbers by Mrs. H. Jones accompanied by Mrs. G. Cyril Platt at the piano. Reading and Pianologues by Mrs. Marguerite Tillman, accompanied by Mrs. Platt. Mrs. Fay Marchant gave an esthetic dance in costume while Mrs. F.H. Nusbickle sang and Miss Dolores Cassel accompanied them on the piano. Hostesses—Bixby, Carruthers, F. Taylor, Potts, Walker.

Feb., 1936—A Valentine luncheon at the lovely country home of Mrs. Fred H. Nusbickle with a number of special guests. A program was presented during the afternoon by the Girl Reserve members of Bonita High School, assisted by their director Miss Clara Mae Ballon. Miss Lucile Chappelle, San Gabriel Y.W.C.A. sec'y., prefaced the program with a talk on the Girl Reserve movement. Hostesses—Howard, Carruthers, Campbell, Bunnelle, Nusbickle.

December, 1936 – The Christmas party was held at the spacious home of the president, Mrs. Harwood. All the rooms were decorated in keeping with the holiday season with red roses, poinsettias and Christmas berries. The tea table was particularly lovely with its appointments of crystal and silver. In the center was a white Christmas tree trimmed with red balls and on each side stood silver candelabra with red tapers. Dr. Carl Omeron, noted Los Angeles tenor, presented the program arranged almost entirely from selections by American composers with numbers from Southern California artists. The Wednesday Club members and their guests conceded it to be one of the finest and most enjoyable ever given before the club. Dr. Omeron made the program most interesting with descriptions of each number. His wife accompanied him at the piano. Hostesses—Mrs. Nusbickle, Bunnelle, A.C. Davenport, Hayes, D. Walker and Mrs. Harwood.

April, 1936 – A spring luncheon at the home of Mrs. Harry E. Walker for the Wednesday Club members and a number of special guests. Mrs. Walker introduced as entertainer of the afternoon, Miss Bathe Stewart, representative of the New Zealand Government, who has just returned from a trip to New York. Miss Stewart spoke on "Romantic New Zealand," giving interpretations of songs and dances in costume of the Maori native tribes of New Zealand. She spoke and sang in the Maori tongue and translated it. She showed colored slides of picturesque New Zealand and also of the Maori tribes, closing by singing their farewell song which is similar to the Hawaiian farewell song. It was a very enjoyable program. Hostesses—Bowden, Wright, Smith, Downs & Walker.

April, 1940 – As a compliment to Mrs. H.E. Walker, chairman of the furnishing committee for the Palomares Adobe, the Historical Society arranged for the Wednesday Club to be entertained at the Adobe. The guests arrived at two o'clock and were shown through the building by Mr. H.E. Walker and Mr. Frank Pedley. Later they gathered on the north corridor where they heard talks given by Mrs. Miriam C. Post of Claremont, Mr. Pedley and Mrs. H.E. Walker. The speakers were introduced by Mrs. Howard who paid tribute to Mrs. Walker for her efforts in securing authentic pieces of furniture for the opening. Mrs. Walker described the pieces loaned for the opening and told of securing other furnishings. The tea table, arranged by Mrs. Howard, was especially beautiful with tea services of old silver at each end—was centered with a silver castor filled with spring flowers. Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. W.A. Johnstone and Mrs. F.H. Harwood. Hostesses were Mrs. H.E. Howard, Mrs. Fay C. Marchant, Mrs. Walter Tangeman, Mrs. Fred G. Smith & Mrs. S.W. Plummer.

Oct. 11, 1940 – Wednesday Afternoon Club of San Dimas opened its season with a beautiful one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. R.W. Teague. The decorations were gorgeous all through the house. During the afternoon Mrs. Lloyd K. Ellsberry entertained by reading poems by the late Theodore Roosevelt called "The Desk Drawer Anthology." This collection was gotten together by the President's daughter, Alice Longworth. Hostesses were Belknap, W.A. Hayes, Smith and Mattie Campbell.

April, 1927 – A theatre party at the Mission Theatre in Glendora where the members enjoyed a fine film "Beau Brummel" after which they adjourned to the Glendora Sweet Shop for tea. Hostesses Calkins, Walker, Ferguson, Gregg and Stecklt.