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***What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**

I remember the lovely fresh faces, the nice low hum of Southern accents, the fun we found in nearly everything, the good food, the wise teachers—two years of happiness.

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Ward Belmont was a remarkable school and I am proud to be among the alumnae. I am glad I knew Dr. Barton, Dr. Burke, Miss Sisson, Miss Rhea, Harold Rose (violin) and Hazel Rose (piano) and dear little Miss Blythe and oh so many more!

I still quote many of them to my children and grandchildren. Since we have become a nation of "fatties", I like to tell them how Candyland and Ward-Belmont's food contributed to my weight gain of 15 lbs. the first 4 months I was there!

My parents were appalled when I came home for Christmas and I

was promptly put on a diet of olive seeds and tooth picks.

I learned so much at Ward-Belmont; friendship, values and good manners. I feel I have been protected all my life and it is a nice feeling. I have never lived alone before and I don't like that but I am still involved in city volunteer work and in D.A.R. I started the chapter here, which is named for one of my Revolutionary War ancestors.

***Where my life has taken me...**

I have led such a normal, happy life for 86-almost 87 years. It would seem almost boring! I had a great childhood, etc.. I had 4 brothers and one sister. My parents sent all 6 of us to college, and each of us joined a fraternity or sorority—a panhellenic family! We were fortunate to have had so many advantages. I am the only one left of my family and I have many good memories.

I have always been a volunteer (never a paying job!) My husband and I traveled extensively..many cruises!

After graduating from Ward-Belmont in 1937, I continued my education at the University of Southern California, working toward a degree in Music Education. In 1939, I was married in the home that I was born in to my childhood/high school sweetheart, Emerson Stoskopf.

I was crushed when he died in 2003 after nearly 64 years of a happy marriage. He attended a big Ward-Belmont reunion with me several years ago when Minnie Pearl was there.

I have attended many Ward-Belmont luncheons in Kansas City and in Wichita. I was born in Great Bend, Kansas. I lived in Wichita for many years, then to Santa Monica, California.

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***What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**

I had a lot of firsts: overnight Pullman trip from Cincinnati to Nashville, learning at age 18 to swallow my first pill, being a Pin Setter for my bowling roommate (Pauline Butler), developing a taste for many foods—especially okra! My first meeting with the Butler and Mrs. David Bayer's home on Curtis Wood Lane, introduced to Toddle House Waffles and their strange cashier setup, seeing my first wig (a white one) on Mrs. Cynthia Ann Pugh. Her wig was askew. Hearing the bell tower at the Vesper service, watching (in a beaker) the chemical changes under Dr. Hollingshood. Enjoying

the music of Bartlett and Robertson (duo pianists), the Fisk singers, Nelson Eddy, who honored the Ward-Belmont girls, and oh yes, my first Goo Goo candy bar!!!!

***Where my life has taken me...**

Ms. Margaret Looft directed me into Dietetics after a degree and internship at The University of Kentucky and Christ's hospital in Cincinnati. My work experiences included hospitals in Baltimore, MD., Galveston, TX., where I met my G.I. English husband and onto a rural hospital, until the end of the war. Then to Syracuse and Buffalo, N.Y., where I was employed by the National Dairy Council. I retired in 1960 to a rural Kentucky village and got involved in Kentucky Hospital Volunteers for 20 years. I traveled to International professional meetings in South America, Australia, and the European Continent. I enjoyed numerous educational experiences with the Elder Hostel program in the USA and abroad, Russia, India, England, and the Netherlands. A highlight in my early life was when Ms. Folle, representing Ward-Belmont, came to my home unannounced to talk with my parents about my secret inquiry of Ward-Belmont schooling. My dad said he couldn't afford the \$1,000 tuition fee. Ms. Folle said he couldn't afford not to send me. He