MEMBERSHIP BLANK
(Application)
Ida B. Wells Woman's Club
Organized November 21, 1893
(Oldest Colored Woman's Club)
MOTTO: Helping Hand

Name...........................................................................................................
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Church........................................................................................................
Organization Affiliation...........................................................................
OBJECT: Elevation of Woman, Home, Community
Will You Support Our Program?-------------------------------------------
Signature................................................................................................
President..................................................................................................
Recording Secretary................................................................................
Membership Chairman.............................................................................
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"Breakfast" Sun. Jan. 30
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
with Mr. Wells
6426 Michigan Ave. Oct. 3
25 cents
IDA B. WELLS
WOMAN'S CLUB

1940-1941
Ida B. Wells Woman's Club

Organized 1893

Motto: Helping Hand

Colors: Purple and Gold

Object: For Elevation of Woman, Home, Community

Meetings: First and Third Thursday
2 p.m.

Four Meetings, September and May
PRAYER

Remember O Lord, according to their several necessities, our brethren and sisters whose names Thou knowest and grant that we may each of us this day and ever do that which is pleasing in Thy sight,

Think upon us O Lord for good and spare us according to the greatness of Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.
DEPARTMENTS

MUSIC—Mrs. Omega King
Mrs. Frances Dunn

Girls—Mrs. Berlin Chappelle
Mrs. Mable Adams

Publicity—Mrs. Alfreda Duster
Mrs. Maude Brown

Committees

American Home: Mrs. Frances Dunn
Budget: Mrs. Frances Graham
Club Cheer: Mrs. Maude G. Brown
Courtesy: Mrs. Rosa J. Sellers
Education: Mrs. Berlin Chappelle
Federated Club House: Mrs. Emma McDougal
Federated Home: Mrs. Esther Fambler
Finance: Mrs. Nell Starkey
Gleaners: Mrs. Eula Bryant, Mrs. Emma McDougal
Industrial Relations: Mrs. Letitia Myles
Legislation: Mrs. Frances Kennedy
Literature: Mrs. Robert R. Jackson
Membership: Mrs. Lula Jones Johnson
Negro History: Mrs. Bernice J. Robinson
"Pep": Mrs. Johnnie Mae Ousley
Scholarship: Mrs. Leana Bowles
Social Service: Mrs. Clio G. Dean
Scrapbook: Mrs. Mable Adams
CALENDAR

Meetings begins at 2 p.m.

September 5—Installation of Officers
Mrs. Nannie Mae Williams Installing Officers
4941 South Parkway............................Club Hostess

September 12—Chairmen of Committees
359 East 61st Street............................Mrs. Georgia Allen, Hostess

September 19—Business Meetings —Reports
4941 South Parkway............................Mrs. Rosa Sellers, Hostess

September 26—Every Member Contact
4941 South Parkway............................Mrs. Louise Bellano, Hostess

October 3—Business Meeting
4941 South Parkway............................Mrs. Esther Famber, Hostess

October 17—Fall Luncheon Committee
Mrs. Gertrude Jennings, Chairman
6054 Michigan Avenue............................Mrs. Elia Mead, Hostess

November 7—Echoes Ida B. Wells Project “Dedication”
4941 South Parkway............................Mrs. Nell Starkey, Hostess

November 22—Club Loyalty Program
Mrs. Emma McDougal, Chairman
3614 Calumet Avenue............................Mrs. Cora Giddens, Hostess

December 5 American Home Program
Mrs. Frances Dunn, Chairman
4941 South Parkway............................Mrs. Gertrude Jennings, Hostess

December 19—Christmas Party
Mrs. Berlin Chappelle—Mrs. Nell Starkey, Chairman
4736 South Parkway............................Mrs. Hattie Walls, Hostess

January 2—Forty-eight Club Year Roll Call
Mrs. Johnnie Mae Ousley, Chairman
4941 South Parkway............................Pep Committee

January 16—America Today
Mrs. Maude G. Brown, Chairman
4941 South Parkway

February 6—Negro History Day
Mrs. S. Louise Connelly, Chairman
4941 South Parkway............................Mrs. Ular Kelly, Hostess

February 20—Fads and Fashions
Mrs. Berlin Chappelle, Chairman
4941 South Parkway

March 6—Social Service Program
Mrs. Frances Kennedy, Hostess

March 20—Legislation in Illinois
Mrs. Frances Kennedy, Chairman
4941 South Parkway

April 3—American Literature “Book Review”
Mrs. Robert R. Jackson, Chairman
4941 South Parkway............................Mrs. Clio G. Dean, Hostess

April 17—Club Woman’s Day
Mrs. Berlin Chappelle, Presiding
5318 Indiana............................Mrs. Frances Dunn, Hostess

May 1—Afternoon Musical
Mrs. Omega King, Chairman
4854 Vincennes Avenue............................Mrs. Eula Bryant, Hostess

May 8—Finance Day—Reports
Mrs. Nell Starkey, Presiding
4941 South Parkway............................Mrs. Johnnie Mae Ousley, Hostess

May 15—Illinois and National Associations
Mrs. Mable Adams, Chairman
5810 South Parkway............................Mrs. Omega King, Hostess

May 22—The Appropriate Thing
Business Committee Reports

June 5—Industrial Relations
Mrs. Letitia Myles, Chairman
Business Election
4941 South Parkway............................Mrs. Leana Bowles, Hostess

June 19—Our Philosophies
Mrs. Luna Jones Johnson, Chairman
4350 South Parkway............................Mrs. Robert R. Jackson, Hostess
MEMBERS

Mrs. Mable H. Adams, 1630 Waseca Avenue Cedarcrest 3239
Mrs. Georgia V. Allen, 329 East 61st Street Wentworth 3865
Mrs. Rachel Anderson, 3212 Indiana Avenue Victory 6448
Mrs. Leana Bowles, 3020 Dearborn Street Calumet 6223
Mrs. Ella Mae Brown, 9300 Indiana Avenue Pullman 6854
Mrs. Ida K. Brown, 4915 Prairie Avenue Kenwood 6679
Mrs. Maude G. Brown, 5118 Indiana Avenue Drexel 4834
Mrs. Eula H. Bryant, 4854 Vincennes Avenue Kenwood 5975
Mrs. Nancy L. Coleman, 3520 Dearborn Street Kenwood 8789
Mrs. Lillian Campbell, 5106 Calumet Avenue
Mrs. H. L. Caner, 6200 Eberhart Avenue Victory 3984
Mrs. Berlin Chappelle 3211 Calumet Avenue Kenwood 0265
Mrs. Glio G. Dean 5312 Wabash Avenue
Mrs. Hilda M. Du Conge, 6153 Michigan Avenue
Mrs. Frances M. Dunn, 5318 Indiana Avenue Kenwood 8262
Mrs. S. E. Guthrie
Mrs. Alfreda B. Duster, 3239 Prairie Avenue Victory 7583
Mrs. Esther Famber, 6030 Calumet Avenue Wentworth 8110
Miss Elizabeth Galbreath, 3435 Indiana Avenue
Mrs. Cora Giddens, 3614 Calumet Avenue Oakland 4119
Mrs. Frances Graham, 2934 Allen Avenue Spaulding 6403
Mrs. Mayme Hamilton, 359 East 61st Street Wentworth 3835
Mrs. Elizabeth Hooper, 5318 Indiana Avenue
Mrs. Alice Howard, 5436½ Michigan Avenue Kenwood 8625
Mrs. Blanche Hawkins, 3553 Cottage Grove Avenue
Mrs. Jennie Lou Hunter, 3117 Giles Avenue Victory 2131
Mrs. Robert R. Jackson, 4350 South Parkway Oakland 7372
Mrs. Goldie Johnson, 6229 Vernon Avenue
Mrs. Gertrude Jennings, 3020 Dearborn Street Calumet 6223
Mrs. Celesta R. Jones, 356 East 56th Street Wentworth 2955
Mrs. Ular Kelly, 3230 Indiana Avenue Victory 1267
Mrs. Frances Kennedy, 2902 Vernon Avenue Victory 0322
Mrs. Omega King, 5810 South Parkway Wentworth 7052
Mrs. Magdalene Lee, 4948 Indiana Avenue
Mrs. Lear Mabry, 5320 Michigan Avenue Kenwood 2356
Mrs. Louise Mitchell, 5318 Indiana Avenue Kenwood 8262
Mrs. Emma P. McDougal, 6333 St. Lawrence Avenue Fairfax 4489
Mrs. Mattie Mooreland, 4401 Michigan Avenue
Mrs. Ella P. Meade, 6084 Michigan Avenue Wentworth 2968
Mrs. Henrietta Middeton, 6039 Calumet Avenue Wentworth 8110

Mrs. Letitia R. Myles, 555 East 44th Place Oakland 6812
Mrs. Arlene S. Newton, 4610 South Parkway Atlantic 9274
Mrs. Johnnie Mae Ousley, 62 East 28th Street Victory 1664
Mrs. Ethel Pallek, 3235 State Street Victory 8727
Mrs. Mayme Porter, 6054 Michigan Avenue Wentworth 2968
Mrs. Lucie Richardson, 3223 Indiana Avenue
Mrs. Cassie Rankin, 4210 Cottage Grove Avenue Atlantic 1908
Mrs. Bernice Robinson, 6037 South Parkway Kenwood 2638
Mrs. Rosa J. Sellers, 3253 State Street Victory 8727
Mrs. Girlie Sephard, 5404 Indiana Avenue Drexel 1208
Mrs. Nell Starkey, 70 E. 28th Street Victory 7129
Miss Frances S. Smith, 119 East 35th Street
Mrs. Lillian Wallace, 413 Fremont Street Normal 8707
Mrs. Hattie Walls, 4736 South Parkway Kenwood 9094
Mrs. Ada Whatley, 3112 Indiana Avenue
Mrs. Mary S. Williams, 530 East 38th St. Oakland 6879
Mrs. Annette B. White, 4128 Prairie Avenue

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Mrs. Sadie Adams, 6343 Champlain Avenue
Mrs. Elizabeth Atkins, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Nannie Mae Williams, 3646 Michigan Avenue
Mrs. Alice Mason, 6415 Vernon Avenue
Mrs. Eliza Mae Moseberry, 5859 State Street
Mrs. Ruby Ramsey, 5808 Indiana Avenue
Mrs. Nannie Reed, 4950 Washington Park Court
Mrs. Florence Tollison, 4821 Indiana Avenue
Mrs. Dora Murray, 4940 St. Lawrence Avenue
Mrs. Margaret Williams, 461 East 32nd Street
Mrs. Rebecca Stiles Taylor, 3750 Michigan Avenue
Mrs. Ossie Wiley, 6346 St. Lawrence Avenue
Mrs. Alice Coachman, 5405 Wabash Avenue
Mrs. Sarah J. Hardaway, 4530 South Parkway
Mrs. Georgia Yantis, 4406 Michigan Avenue
Mrs. Flossie H. Long, New York City
Mrs. Florence Yantzi, 700 East 46th Street
Mrs. Fannie Baxter, 4446 Indiana Avenue
Mrs. Louise Bellano, Chicago Heights
Mrs. Tartie W. Horton, 4529 Vincennes Avenue
Mrs. Arah Malone, 5608 Indiana Avenue
Mrs. Blanche McQuiller, 4317 Indiana Avenue
Mrs. Johnnie Horton, 5410 Calumet Avenue
Ida B. Wells Fiftieth Anniversary

FIFTY YEARS A CLUB

THE IDA B. WELLS WOMAN'S CLUB was organized in 1893 by Ida B. Wells and a number of progressive minded women who had been the Ladies' Day guests of the Tourgee Club.

From its beginning the club pledged itself to a program "For the Elevation of Woman, Home, Community." It supported Ida B. Wells in her fight against lynching in this country and in her travels abroad.

It has been a patron of music through the years. The first Negro orchestra in Chicago was organized with the aid and encouragement of the Ida B. Well's Woman's Club.

Many years before the public schools of Chicago started the kindergarten system, this club opened a kindergarten in Bethel A. M. E. Church and conducted it with paid instructors.

Ida B. Wells, president of the club in 1895, was a representative at the Boston meeting called by the leading Negro women of the Country. The club was again represented in 1896 at the meeting in Washington, D. C., when the National Association of Colored Women became a permanent organization.

The Ida B. Wells Woman's Club was a part of the "Woman's Conference" in 1899 called in Chicago to organize the Illinois Association of Colored Women.

This club worked over a period of years for better racial understanding among women's clubs. It was a charter member of the Cook County League of Women's Clubs organized in 1898.

This club has been ever alert to prevent racial discrimination and segregation where possible. It received a promise from the President of the South Park Board (Mr. Edward J. Kelly) to end race trouble at the beaches. It aroused public sentiment against the movement to establish segregated schools in Chicago and through its founder, Ida B. Wells, and her influence stopped the movement.

Many thousands of dollars have been raised and contributed by the club for scholarship, charity and for cooperation and affiliation with civic groups.

In 1931 when Ida B. Wells Barnett was president of the club for the second time, she planned the library for the Wabash Avenue Y. M. C. A. Although she did not live to complete the task, the club installed the library that same year. The collection of books included many books from the president's personal library.

When the National Association met in Boston July 29, 1939, the Ida B. Wells Woman's Club was again represented. Its president, Mrs. Ida K. Brown, gave the biography of the founder and history of the club.

The club lead the campaign to name a housing project in memory of Ida B. Wells, the first to be named for a Negro woman.

The laying of the corner stone ceremonies Sunday, June 8th, 1941, at the administration building of the Ida B. Wells project 454 East Pershing Road, was arranged by the club. Bishop William J. Walls of the A. M. E. Zion Church delivered the dedicatory address. The following articles were placed in the corner stone by the club: A biography of Ida B. Wells, written by her daughter, Mrs. Alfred B. Duster; a portrait of Ida B. Wells; Extracts from diary of Ida B. Wells, written January 1, 1931; a scrap book compiled by Mrs. Ida K. Brown; a circular letter sent out by Ida B. Wells.
Youth Was in the spotlight last Friday night when the Ida B. Wells observed its 6th anniversary at a lavash dinner program in the picturesque Victorian Room of the Palmer House in downtown Chicago.

And sharing the spotlight was a distinguished personality whose career in her profession was held up to them as the person to emulate in their chosen careers. The inspiring program was enhanced by the presentation of "Awards of Faith" with scholarship grants to two young students. Honorees were Miss Diane Jarrell, a Hirsch high school senior and Levi Daniel, student at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

Sharing the honor spotlight was Miss Oliva Coffin, head librarian at Hall Branch Library, who was cited as "Symbol of Youth." Photo right: Miss Coffin, Mrs. Ida K. Brown, founder of the Ida B. Wells club and president-emeritus; Miss Jarrell, Levi Daniel, Dr. Omega King, president of the hostess organization and Frank London Brown, noted author and guest speaker. Center: Mrs. Brown, the Rev. Robert K. Brown, who delivered the invocation and benediction; Helen L. Parker, Guest Speaker Brown; Jean Thomas Kimball, toasting master; Kathryn Watts and Dr. King. Photo right: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Parker, Dr. King, Kathryn Watts and Alberta Williams.
Wells Club ‘Awards Of Faith’ Dinner Cites Two, Librarian

The 67th anniversary of the Ida B. Wells Woman’s club was observed Friday evening in the Victorian room of Palmer house and was attended by more than 100 persons, including members of the hostess organization and their guests.

The occasion was the annual “Award of Faith” dinner with Mrs. Olye Mary Coffin, librarian of the George Cleveland Hall branch of the Chicago public library as the guest of honor.

Mrs. Coffin received the club’s “Symbol for Youth” award. Levi M. Daniels, a student of Bradley university, and Diana Jarrell, a student of Hirsch high school were the recipients of the club’s “Award of Faith” which also carries scholarship aid.

Speaking at the dinner, Frank London Brown, author, writer and scholar told the audience that “we are in an epochal and morally precarious position, and we must recognize that our interests are in the particularization of universal freedom.”

Mrs. Helen I. Parker, a former president of the club, presented the award to Mrs. L. Jarrell, mother of Diane, in her absence. Mrs. Ida K. Brown, president-emeritus, presented the award to Mrs. Coffin.

Soloist for the dinner was Mrs. Prudence Wilson, contralto. She was accompanied by Mrs. Lorraine Strickland.


Among the guests at the speaker’s table were Mrs. Alfreda Duster, daughter of Mrs. Ida B. Wells; Mrs. Alberta Williams, program chairman; Theodore Charles Stone, president of the Chicago Music Association, Miss Vera Beasley, Junior vice president of club, and the program participants.

The club instituted the Awards of Faith and scholarship program during the 61st year of its activity.

Other Participants

Mrs. Kathryn Watts, chairman of the dinner presented Mrs. Jean Thomas Kimball, well known social worker who was the mistress of ceremonies.

Dr. Omega King, a distinguished musician, civic leader and the club’s president gave greetings and presented the award to Daniels, one of her former pupils.

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