



123RD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAY COURT CLUB OF OTTAWA

2021-2022

"Enriching the lives of others as well as our own"

THE MAY COURT CLUB OF OTTAWA

On April 30th,1898 Lady Aberdeen, wife of the Governor General, crowned the first May Queen, Ethel Hamilton, at an elaborate May Day celebration on the grounds of Rideau Hall. Lady Aberdeen took the opportunity in her opening remarks to encourage the young women there to commit themselves to lives of service both within their homes and in society, thereby giving birth to what would become Canada's oldest women's service club.

Our Mandate: To engage exclusively in such charitable undertakings as may be deemed advisable by the Corporation.

Our Mission Statement: Enriching the lives of others as well as our own.

From our earliest days we have dedicated our service to the needs of the community, often in the field of health and welfare for women and children. We supported Canada's war efforts and opened the first Tuberculosis Clinic in Canada. Currently we house and support the May Court Hospice, provide grants to community organizations, and award scholarships to nurse practitioners and those studying Information Studies.

A Message from the President President's Report

The Club membership went through a lot in the past two years. I think we have all shown the remarkable resilience our founder knew women had in them to share with those who were not so fortunate.

The last two years have allowed the members to be retrospective. We were awarded the June Callwood Award for Outstanding Achievement in Volunteerism. I had hoped we would have an event to place the beautiful glass piece in the Club, but the pandemic had different ideas. However, the pandemic did not take away the pride we should all feel in this achievement. We revisited the Bylaws and Standing Rules; we held meetings virtually; we established the Members' Time gatherings and reached out to members as often as we could. The Aberdeen Artisans outdid themselves with tailgate and virtual sales of masks, quilted goods, COVID-19 "damn it" dolls, and culinary delights. They brought together members to be creative, which resulted in great friendships and not a little money when most of our fundraisers were on hiatus. We had a virtual line dancing event and our first ever virtual auction. Who says we can't change how we do things and still have success?

The Bargain Box volunteers had their share of challenges. They were closed and then re-opened with rules and safety measures, then closed and then re-opened with added rules. Fewer volunteers were willing to serve which resulted in shorter hours, but they kept going. Then we had a trucker convoy occupation, a biker convoy, and a derecho storm, just to make it all the more challenging. Many people took the opportunity to clean out their closets during the pandemic, and I know many items ended up at the shop. Not only did the Bargain Box keep selling, but they also served the community around them: the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre, AIDS Committee of Ottawa, the Dalhousie Food Cupboard, and the Salvation Army. They are also helping refugees from Afghanistan, Syria, and Ukraine. They have even started gathering eyeglasses to go to third world countries! A small group making a big difference.

We were asked to present a history of the Club to the Hospice Care Ottawa Board of Directors, and Dorothy Scorsone put together an entertaining presentation that was well received. We will be reflecting on these events as we move into our 125th Anniversary next year. The May Court Club has helped the community in so many ways over the years: the Tuberculosis and Chest Clinics; making sure patients got the nutrition they needed; the First World War; the flu epidemic of 1918-1920; the Second World War; helping children get the healthy food they needed after being in hospital; helping young women who worked as shop assistants or in factories; providing Christmas celebrations for children; entertaining with puppets; setting up and running more than one convalescent home; bringing reading materials and a friendly face to patients in hospital; knitting many items for distribution to cancer patients and children; being at the forefront of palliative care nursing in hospitals; providing the facilities and operating funds to the Hospice at May Court for the past 20 years to the tune of some 2.1 million dollars; helping refugees get a start with warm clothing and household goods; filling many shoeboxes for women in shelters. I am not sure I have captured it all by a long shot. And of course, there have been the associated fundraising projects. We have had some fun along the way with fancy dress balls, concerts and risqué floor shows, designer showcases, theatre, fashion shows, and loads of meetings with opportunities to share meals, luncheons, dinners, teas, lectures, and soup!

Now we can add that we survived the pandemic, and we did it well. We do need to do some work on where we go from here. The Strategic Planning exercise we started prior to the COVID-19 restrictions has continued. We have undertaken a major review of our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The next steps will be to dig deeper into how we can retain and build our membership, find ways to continue to serve the community, make sure the community knows what we are doing, and keep financially sound. That work will continue in the fall. We are hoping members will participate in the process. In conjunction with this process we will be taking the opportunity to use the events and celebrations that our May Court 125 Committee puts together to meet some of our objectives including growing our membership and promoting our community contributions.

On the issue of finances, I know there is a continuing impression that the Club is sitting on a rather large nest-egg that we should be using. I want to assure you all that we do use our investments well. Our financial advisors at RBC indicate there is a minimum investment amount to maintain our spending levels at what they are now. Simply put, the investments earn us enough money each year to balance our budgetary spending. If we start dipping into the capital, we will lessen the amount earned. Think of all the trees that were damaged during the derecho storm because branches were torn off. Some trees will die because they have lost sustaining limbs. If we take out funds we cannot replace, it will eventually erode our ability to continue. We have been able, despite limited fundraising, to continue to support the Hospice, provide scholarships, as well as maintain the Clubhouse and Hospice infrastructure, and we are doing that without a deficit budget. We need to maintain our investments in order to keep our Club going.

Lady Aberdeen put forth a challenge to the young women at the first gathering back in 1898 – "social life is an obligation which we ought to fulfill apart from any question of the pleasure connected with it. And when we once look on it in that light and take it as part of life and part of life's training, it at once falls into its proper place, and we recognize that the answer to our questionings will be at the same time the solution of life's difficulties, and it can be put in one word – service – as soon as we come back to that universal principle and recognize that our life in our home and in society is part of a life of service, everything rights itself and we need fear no adverse influences and no one-sidedness in our lives. "

The Board of Directors worked hard during unprecedented circumstances. It's not every year that you face a Global Pandemic. We succeeded for two full years, and we're still not quite out of it. I extend a major thank you to each and every member of the Board. We did it! I also want to express gratitude to our two employees. Mary Schoenfeld has been such a great help, not to mention extremely flexible during this crazy time. Bill Craig has also demonstrated flexibility and willingness to carry out his many tasks keeping our Old House in good shape.

It has been my great pride and pleasure to be the President of the May Court Club of Ottawa for the past two years. I appreciate having been given this opportunity and honour. I end with this final thought from Margaret Mead: Never think that a small group of committed people can't change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has.

Christine Beelen

THE MAY COURT CLUB OF OTTAWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2021-2022

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PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Past President of the May Court Club of Ottawa acts as the liaison between our Club and the May Court Site of Hospice Care Ottawa. In that capacity, she is a member of Hospice Care Ottawa and serves as an ex officio member on their Board of Directors.

The Hospice continues to monitor and adjust its COVID-19 protocol to ensure the health and safety of residents, staff and volunteers. Hospice residences at the May Court and Ruddy Shenkman sites remain open to provide end-of-life care; however, Maison de l'Est is permanently closed, and Hospice Care Ottawa is actively looking for a new site for Day Hospice in the East end. As necessary for larger families, the Family Lounge at Ruddy Shenkman and the River Room at May Court have now been opened. Despite the province's announcement to drop the mask mandate in most public areas as of March 21st, as a health care organization, the Hospice will continue to require everyone to wear masks for the foreseeable future.

On March 8th, a presentation on the history of the May Court Club was given to the Board of Directors of Hospice Care Ottawa. It was very well received, and an interesting discussion ensued in which the Board members said that they had no idea that May Court had been involved in so many charitable activities. Since 1999, the Club has housed the May Court Hospice and donated over \$2.1 million to Hospice Care Ottawa, in addition to covering property maintenance costs in the range of \$1.2-\$1.6 million. The Board expressed their thanks for our "continued financial support, particularly in 2021 which was a challenging year for the Club".

My two years as liaison between our Club and the May Court Site of Hospice Care Ottawa have been very rewarding. I have learned much about this most valuable organization and the service that they provide to our community. The Hospice has given The May Court Club of Ottawa the designation as their "Sustaining Benefactor," and the May Court Club of Ottawa deems the Hospice its prime charitable recipient. We have established a rewarding relationship which we hope to continue for many years to come.

Dorothy Scorsone

THE MAY COURT CLUB OF OTTAWA, TREASURER'S REPORT

2021 Annual Financial Report

The financial report for the May Court Club of Ottawa, for the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2021, is presented in the context of the ongoing pandemic restrictions which impacted many activities including fundraising and the Bargain Box.

Income

Our total fundraising revenue (Community Projects and the Bargain Box sales) from 2021 was \$102,317, a 7% increase from 2020. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>Community Projects:</u> The Aberdeen Artisans continued to be active. By means of Tailgate Sales, they managed to produce a net income of \$11,889. Lady Aberdeen teas were also sold at the tailgates realizing a net income of \$428. We went virtual for our first-ever Online Auction, which produced income of \$7,502, and a virtual Line Dancing event raised a further \$550. After accounting for expenses, the net income from our Community Projects was \$19,982.

<u>The Bargain Box</u>: In 2021 the Bargain Box continued to be impacted by the pandemic public health measures which led to periodic shutdowns and limited hours of opening. As a result, fewer customers were allowed in the shop, and the reduced number of volunteers required a reduction to one shift per day. The net profit raised in 2021 was \$35,202 (very similar to 2020).

<u>Membership Fees:</u> Due to the ongoing pandemic, which curtailed most of the club's activities, the membership fees were not increased again in 2021. The total fees collected was \$15,362, an 8% decrease from 2020.

<u>Apartment Rent:</u> \$17,170 was raised through the rental of the apartment. Due to the pandemic, the government froze rental fee increases for 2021.

<u>Memorials, Bequests and Donations:</u> Through the generosity of our members and benefactors, \$35,363 was raised through memorials, bequests, and donations, a 15% decrease from 2020.

Social Functions: \$210 was raised from social functions.

<u>Financial Support Re: Pandemic Measures:</u> The Club was notified that \$10,000 of our Canada Emergency Business Account loan, received in 2020, was forgiven after we repaid the remaining amount. The Intact Insurance Company also gave us a rebate of \$2,584 in 2021.

Investment Income: Our investment portfolios generated income to the Club of \$297,078 through dividends, interest, and realized gains. This reflects a decrease of 9% from 2020.

Gross Profit was \$422,953 in 2021, a decrease of 7% from 2020.

Expenses

Administration Expenses: The continuing public health measures shut down most club activities. As a result, office expenses and salary were greatly reduced in 2021. However, maintenance of the Club and property was a necessity, and that work continued at full salary. The administrative costs of the Club in 2021 were \$65,641, a 14% increase from 2020.

<u>Property Maintenance and Repairs:</u> Our property maintenance and repairs costs were \$110,796 in 2021. This figure includes the continued overhauling of the Hospice ventilation system, as required by Public Health. These overall costs reflect a significant increase of 54% from 2020.

<u>Professional fees:</u> With reduced operations and fundraising activities of the Club, we were able to proceed with fewer bookkeeping sessions. Our total expenses for bookkeeping and the audit in 2021 were \$25,835, a reduction of 7% from 2020.

<u>Grants and Scholarships:</u> Given our significantly reduced income during the pandemic, we did not disperse any grants in 2021. Only one scholarship of \$5000 was awarded on account of a lack of applications. As a result, our total funds distributed was \$104,919, of which \$100,000 was donated to the Hospice.

<u>Social Function Expenses</u>: Due to the closure of the Club for most of 2021, the social function expenses amounted to \$511.

Total Expenses were \$319,371, an 8% increase from 2020.

Investment Portfolios

Despite the pandemic, 2021 was a banner year for investors. Our portfolio gradually gained strength throughout the year. At year end, the value of the <u>Operating Fund</u> had increased to \$4,472,555 (including the \$100,000 set aside in a savings account to balance the 2022 budget), and the value of the <u>Scholarship Fund</u> was \$346,709.

Beth Burn

Donations to the Community

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

1. Palliative Care

Hospice at May Court \$99,919. 95%

2. Education

Susan Anderson Scholarship \$ 5,000. 5%

Total Financial Aid

\$104,919.*

*Note: the May Court Club also paid all of the property maintenance and repairs expenses of the Hospice at May Court.

THE MAY COURT CLUB OF OTTAWA Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 202	1, with comparative	figures for 2020

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Assets					
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Current assets	188,808				
Cash		\$	71,185	2	146,208
HST rebate	receivable	Ψ	17,880	Ψ	15,058
Inventory	00.51		3,717		4,171
Accrued rece	eivables		22,661		24,578
Prepaid expe			12,282		12,157
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THE MAY COURT CLUB OF OTTAWA

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2021, with comparative figures for 2020

		2021		2020
Revenue				
Investment income (Note 6)	\$	287,079	\$	326,159
Fundraising projects revenue (Schedule A)	Ψ	102,317	φ	
Bequests and donations				95,693
Rental		35,363		41,374
		17,170		16,892
Membership fees		15,362		16,778
Forgivable portion of Canada Emergency Business				
Account loan		10,000		
Other revenue		2,584		-
Social functions		210		1,710
		470,085		498,606
Cost of fundraising projects (Schedule A)	• • • contracting had more forces	47,132	E start as	43,413
Gross profit		422,953		455,193
Expenses				
Administrative		65,641		57,748
Amortization of capital assets		11,154		12,161
Building maintenance and utilities:				
201.29 - Repairs 108.51		41,929		24,312
- Routine		68,867		47,760
Communications		515		83
Delegate expenses and association dues		_		1,816
Donations		104,919		117,372
Library services at the Civic Campus of The Ottawa				
Hospital		-		4,484
Professional fees		25,835		27,895
Social function expenses		511		1,240
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investments		103,582		160,322
Unrealized gain (loss) on long-term investments		528,267		(284,246)
Net revenue (expense)	\$	631,849	\$	(123,924)

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS

May Court Bargain Box

Patricia Sanders

The May Court Bargain Box was closed again at the beginning of 2022 due to COVID-19 and protests in Ottawa. The shop was closed for six weeks until February 15, 2022.

The donations for this year, like last year, have kept our sorting and unpacking team (the Monday Morning Ladies) very busy downstairs in the shop. Of course, this reflects to the upstairs teams of pricing and displaying items in the store. All the Monday Morning Ladies are very busy. Without them and the Cashiers and Clerks that maintain the store we could not keep the Bargain Box open.

We continue to donate items to the Salvation Army, Clothing for Charity, and recent refugees to Ottawa. We also support smaller charities like AIDS Committee of Ottawa, Dalhousie Food Cupboard, and Sandy Hill Community Health Centre.

Our focus is on providing clean, good quality, current items for our customers. We started something new this summer. We have a new Sale Rack at the front of the store that will feature items for one low price. We started this August with summer items. We intend to continue this new venture, and the low price will change depending on the items for sale.

We are adapting to the changing lifestyles of our customers. So many employees now work from home, and they do not wear the more formal office clothes they once did. We realize we must change to be current and maintain profitability.

We recently increased our prices slightly to reflect the increase in our operational costs. To date, the Bargain Box total sales are approximately 65% more than this time last year. It is a very encouraging sign for the end of year total. It is also rewarding to all the volunteers that have kept the Bargain Box going through these very difficult past two years.

The Bargain Box, the Gift that Keeps on Giving.

Scholarship Committee

Bev MacSween and Sharon Henry

We are pleased to announce that the Scholarship Committee, after completing the difficult task of evaluating the exceptionally qualified scholarship applicants for the 2022-2023 academic year, have had the following applicants approved by the May Court Club of Ottawa Board of Directors:

The Susan Anderson Memorial Scholarship for Information Studies at the University of Ottawa – Savannah Gorbahn

Centennial Scholarship for Nurse Practitioners (1) – Nicole Turmel, University of Ottawa Centennial Scholarship for Nurse Practioners (2) – Isabelle Roberge, University of Toronto.

Hospice at May Court Day Reception Desk

Kerry DeBlois

The work of the Day Hospice Reception Desk team consists of welcoming and screening all people entering the Hospice, answering any questions concerning Hospice Care Ottawa, both in person and on the phone, and assisting with clerical duties.

We are fortunate to have several reliable volunteers whose contributions to the work of the Hospice is valued. This year our team of volunteers include Nancy Birchard, Judith Dowler, Lynda Gorman Pike, Sharon Henry, Leslie Jones, Anne Leger, Joan McGuiness, Beverley MacSween, Jayne O'Brien, Liz Peddie, Marie Stent, Rosemary Timlin and Julia Turner.

Volunteering at the Hospice is one of the most rewarding undertakings.

CLUB SERVICE REPORTS

Member Services Committee

Jenni Barbarie

While opportunities to volunteer in the community remained limited because of COVID-19 restrictions, May Court members contributed 10,939 hours over the 12 month period.

We were delighted to welcome three new members to the Club. Our membership now stands at 171, which includes 10 out-of-town members.

The Club continued to hold the occasional "Members' Time" virtual gatherings over Zoom to maintain and strengthen the connections among our members. While those who participated enjoyed the lively discussions, all of us are looking forward to more opportunities to meet in person as circumstances permit.

Recording Secretary

Leslie Jones

The Board of Directors of the May Court Club of Ottawa usually met on the fourth Thursday of every month from September to June. In addition, the Fall General Meeting was held on October 6, 2021, and the Spring General Meeting was on March 30, 2022 (both by Zoom). The 124th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in person and by Zoom on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at Tudor Hall, 3750 North Bowesville Road. At the AGM, Board reports were presented, and a new slate of Directors for the 2022-2023 year was elected. Added to these regular meetings were three separate Board meetings devoted to strategic planning. While the majority of the year's meetings were held virtually using Zoom, in-person meetings took place in April, May and June, given the lifting of some COVID-19 restrictions.

Aberdeen Artisans Committee (AAC)

Sharyn Heagle

As with other organizations, the arrival of COVID-19 in 2020 had a devastating effect on the May Court Aberdeen Artisans. Unable to hold their annual Christmas Craft Fairs in November 2020 or 2021, the group was forced into a different fundraising initiative.

Consequently, a series of Tailgate Sales were held in the Clubhouse parking lot, respecting requirements of the ever-changing health guidelines issued by the province and the Ministry of Health.

Holding four to five tailgates each year, the Artisans were able to bring in revenue of \$10,871 in 2020 and \$12,412 in 2021. We are grateful to the small core of Artisans who worked to pull off the actual sales, to the large core of Artisans and other members who donated goods for these events, and to the community who came and purchased the beautiful hand-made items on offer.

This year the Spring Market, with limited and tentative promotion due to health restriction uncertainty, brought in \$2400. For the next Christmas Market, with planned promotion and advertising, we hope to achieve sales figures similar to pre-pandemic years.

For 2022 and forward, with the loosening of COVID-19 restrictions that allow us to bring indoors the newlynamed May Court *Markets*, the Artisans will hold two yearly events, one in Spring and a second one in November as was previously done.

Outreach Committee Louise Piché

The role of the Outreach Committee is to assist with communication to the Club members. The Committee makes occasional phone calls to relay messages or reminders and also sends "Thinking of You" cards to those members who are going through difficult times.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the Committee was able to host a Friday Soup Lunch at the Club this past spring. It was well received, and the monthly lunches are scheduled to resume.

Property Management

Zenia Leigh

As a service club, the May Court Club houses a mixed-use office administration and patient care facility. Hospice Care Ottawa manages the care facility, with the May Court Club as its sustaining benefactor. It is the responsibility of the Property Management Committee to maintain a safe, healthy and comfortable environment, both inside and outside, in accordance with all current building codes.

Despite the restrictions placed upon us during the COVID-19 pandemic, all monitoring, maintenance, and improvement of the Clubhouse, the Hospice extension, and the property have, by necessity, continued unabated.

Over the course of this year, the installation of a ventilation system in the Elizabeth Wing of the Hospice was finally completed. It was delayed by parts' shortages, facility restrictions, and labour issues caused by the pandemic. The resulting fresher air is certainly appreciated by the Hospice staff. Also, over the course of the last few months, all Clubhouse and Hospice attics have been fully insulated; therefore, hopefully preventing the ice dams that had plagued us in previous years.

With most major projects completed, we will now turn our attention to a detailed assessment of our facility, referring to the reserve fund study that was completed in 2011, to assist us in budget projections for this year and future years going forward.

Communications

Holly Heser-Quirk

The Communications Committee is responsible for keeping the members of the Club as well as the public informed about the Club and its activities. Quarterly newsletters are produced, and a *Behind the Pink Door* bulletin is sent out to members after the monthly Board meetings. The Committee is also responsible for keeping the website up to date regarding the details of the Club and its community involvement, and it posts and monitors the Club's Instagram and Facebook page. In addition, the Communications Committee collects the various committee Club reports and edits and compiles them for the Annual Report.

This year posters were created for the Fall and Spring Tailgate Sales, the Online Auction, and the Christmas Market. The fundraisers were promoted on the website as well as on Instagram and Facebook. Throughout the year featured items from the Bargain Box were also promoted online.

The Club was grateful for the opportunity to be featured in the March issue of *Neighbours of Old Ottawa*, a local publication.

Thanks and appreciation go to the Committee members:

Betty Rehbein – Club website, layout for Newsletters and Annual Report

Valerie Zinger – Instagram and Facebook, Posters

Special thanks to Christine Beelen for the Behind the Pink Door bulletins.

Social Barbara Burton

There have been two May Court Club of Ottawa in-person social events this year: a Christmas Party and a dinner at our Annual General Meeting. Provincial COVID-19 protocols were followed at both gatherings.

The Christmas Party was held on December 1st at the Club, with just under 50 attendees. Ten member volunteers were involved in decorating, plating, serving and clean-up. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination was checked at the door; masks were worn except when seated; and guests were served sandwiches and sweets at tables of four. Feedback from attendees indicated that this first in-person event since March 2020 was a great success.

Due to COVID-19 incidence rates, the second social event did not take place until June 8th. This was a dinner held at Tudor Hall following the Annual General Meeting. Forty-nine members attended and were seated at tables of six or seven. All those who attended were very pleased with being able to socialize in person and enjoy a delicious meal.

This pandemic has affected everyone, but it is most satisfying to report that, with care, the May Court Club was able to hold two delightful in-person social events with no reports of any attendees suffering ill effects. It is hoped that the next year will allow a full social calendar.

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE ASSOCIATION OF MAY COURT CLUBS OF CANADA Donna Shields-Poë

The 88th Annual General Meeting of the Association of May Court Clubs of Canada was held in person in Barrie, Ontario, June 24–25, 2022. The meeting was moved from its accustomed dates in April because of COVID-19 restrictions and a desire to hold it in person. The meeting was attended by Christine Beelen, Kathy Yach and Donna Shields-Poë. The theme was *Vision Revision*. Reports from our Club were prepared by Dorothy Scorsone and Christine Beelen and presented by Christine. The Marionette of Lady Aberdeen, used in previous Ottawa May Court puppet presentations and donated to the Ottawa Club, was used as a prop for the presentation. Lady Aberdeen was well received by the delegates! It was a very successful general meeting with many lively discussions over issues such as the new ONCA regulations, challenges of fundraising, and issues related to managing a May Court Club during a pandemic.

ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022-2023

Past President Sandi Mackenzie, St Catherines

President Donna Samuels, Oakville
Vice President Darlene Mooney, Barrie
Secretary-Treasurer Sharon Shields, Oakville
Director-at-Large Joan Price, Oakville

MEMBER MAY COURT CLUBS

May Court Club of Barrie
May Court Club of London
May Court Club of Brockville
May Court Club of Chatham
May Court Club of Oakville
May Court Club of Ottawa
May Court Club of St. Catharines
May Court Club of Windsor

Way Court Club of Willdson

Fundraising Committee: Online Auction Donna Shields-Poë

The fundraising committee held an online auction in conjunction with and administered by The Bytown Auctioneers. The Auction ran from Oct. 25–Nov.4, 2021, with 166 lots and a gross sale of \$8,424.00. After costs, the net amount made by the club was \$7007.70. Each and every club member deserves our thanks for their excellent support of this fundraising event in the midst of COVID-19 challenges. Almost every club member made a contribution.

Charitable Giving Committee

Donna Shields-Poë

This newly-named committee, which subsumes the former Grants Committee, met twice this year. The Grant Application Forms were reviewed and updated. They are posted on the May Court website and are available for applicants. Grant submissions were due on September 15, 2022. The budget approved for 2022 includes \$24,000.00 for grants to be disbursed in the fall of 2022. Application dates as well as the budget for 2023 are under review and will be confirmed at a later date.

PAST PRESIDENTS

*Deceased

1898-1900	Miss Ethel Hamilton*	1954-1956	Mrs Robert Gill*
1900-1902	Mrs Edward Fauquier*	1956-1958	Mrs Harold Mulkins*
1902-1904	Lady Perley*	1958-1960	Mrs Manson Campbell*
1904-1906	Mrs Robert Kernan*	1960-1962	Mrs Eric Prime*
1906-1908	Lady Sybil Middleton*	1962-1964	Mrs Lloyd B. Rochester*
1908-1909	Mrs Robert Kernan*	1964-1966	Mrs David Hazelgrove*
1909-1910	Miss Florence Fielding*	1966-1968	Mrs P.D. Holt*
1910-1911	Mrs Gordon Hewitt*	1968-1970	Mrs J.H.F. Kenny*
1911-1912	Miss Mary Scott*	1970-1972	Mrs W.F.A. Davies
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