

## CJW HISTORY

**1938-9** There were 13 Junior clubs in Connecticut, when 67 members representing 8 clubs met in Waterbury on December 1, 1938. Mrs. Lewis G. Merrill was elected chairman. The age limit was 30. The following clubs were represented: **WATERBURY 39, SUFFIELD 4, WEST END 4, NAUGATUCK 1, BRISTOL 9, NEW HAVEN 4, WEST HAVEN 3, SOMERS 4.** Other Junior clubs were: **WESTPORT, NEW BRITAIN, TORRINGTON, HARTFORD, & SOUTHPORT.** Fall Conference was held at The Blue Plate Tea Room in Hartford - there was a grand total of \$19.95 in the treasury.

**1940** Spring Conference was held in Somers, the treasury reported a balance of \$46.05. *New Haven* Juniors won the Scrapbook prize for clubs with over 50 members. *West End* received honorable mention. *West Haven* won the Scrapbook Cup for members with under 50 members and *Somers* received an honorable mention. Pennies for Art was started at this time. Ways & Means projects discussed by clubs were: Bristol sold salted and mixed nuts, and Hartford sold chances on a \$10 bill and made \$100.00.

**1941** The first Executive Board met. At Fall Conference the charge for supper was 75 cents and 25 cents for registration. This conference was a working session to upgrade the status of Junior Clubs. There were 7 nominees for State Junior Chairman. The 30-year age limit was discussed, a motion was made that each club take a vote and bring their decisions to the Spring Board Meeting. At that time, Juniors were trying to convince the State Federation of their usefulness.

**1942** At Spring Conference, a motion was made and carried that the age limit for Juniors be from 18 to 35 years inclusive. Juniors assumed responsibility for their own bills, requesting 1/2 per capita tax be returned to the Junior treasury from CSFSC. There was \$43.23 in the treasury.

**1943** Spring Conference was held at the Hotel Elton in Waterbury. Mrs. Foster D. Clark was elected chairman and announced that Immediate Past Chairman Elizabeth Mallet had joined the Waves. Juniors wanted a state project of their own. Among the suggestions were Child Care Centers for mothers working in defense factories, after school day care and regular entertainment for high school students. Fall Conference was held in Torrington. Juniors established a Junior Nursing Scholarship. CSFWC requested assistance from Juniors to aid the Phipps Memorial Scholarship. The Junior budget was \$60.50.

**1944** \$259 was raised for the Nursing Scholarship; Waterbury selected the recipient since they had contributed \$200 to this fund. A motion was passed to set up "working rules" for Juniors to be submitted to State for approval. Spring Conference meals averaged between \$1.25 - \$2.00. There were 11 Junior clubs with 513 members. Standing rules went into effect. Waterbury Juniors sold \$17,000 in war bonds. Fall Conference was held in New Haven with meals costing \$1.75.

**1945** At Spring Conference there was a proposal to have a Junior State Project. West Haven submitted "the study of Cancer Control". Miss Ivy Needham was elected Chairman of Juniors. Fall Conference was held at Long Shore Beech and Country Club in Westport. There were now 586 members.

**1946** Spring Conference was held in New Haven. The price was \$1.85 for luncheon. \$2,500 was raised for the Nursing Scholarship. Membership was at 436 with 12 clubs. The treasury balance was \$118.25.

Fall Conference was held at the Hotel Elton in Waterbury. There was discussion of appointing a Junior Extension Secretary instead of a Senior Secretary to give Juniors another vote on the CSFWC Board. Membership stood at 719.

**1947** Membership was 1,056. Somers Juniors stated they were losing members because of the age limit. Spring Conference was held at the Hotel Bond, Hartford, with 15 clubs in attendance. Mrs. Raymond York was elected chairman. New clubs: **MERIDEN & WEST HARTFORD.** A Junior Extension Secretary was elected to the CSFSC Board. Fall Conference was held in New Haven.

**1948** The Spring Conference was held in Torrington. Fall Conference in Westport.

**1949** Juniors started to hold Ways & Means projects to raise funds for the treasury. Spring Conference was held in Naugatuck; Mrs. Charles Whitty was elected Junior Chairman. Fall Conference was held in Meriden. The SUFFIELD & SOUTHPORT clubs resigned.

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**1950** Spring Conference was held at the Elm Tree Inn in Farmington with dinner costing \$2.50. The treasury was \$199.41. Bylaw changes were proposed. The delegate system was begun. The age limit problem was brought up again! Two new clubs joined **GREENWICH** and Maple Hill Club of **NEWINGTON**. The State Junior Project was Mental Hospitals in CT. and Stamps for Wounded Veterans. Fall Conference was held in Thompsonville. Mrs. Whitty resigned and Dorothy Whiley was elected Chairman. It was voted that Spring Conference would now be held on Saturdays and Fall Conference on Sundays.

**1951** Spring Conference was held at Bonnie's Inn in Bristol. The Fall Conference was at the Hotel Bond in Hartford. There were 15 Junior clubs with 1,676 members. Greenwich had 145 members, Hartford 150, West End 125, Bristol 49, Maple Hill (Newington) 32, New Britain 30, Meriden 290, Naugatuck 150, New Haven 75, Somers 48, Torrington 101, Waterbury 65, West Hartford 166, West Haven 115 and Westport 135. **WESTPORT** Juniors resigned due to age restrictions. After Fall Conference in 1951, members were invited to Governor and Mrs. Lodge's mansion for tea and slides of Italy.

**1952** Junior membership was 1,625. Spring Conference was held at The Hotel Taft, New Haven. Junior luncheon was \$2.00. This was a joint Junior/Senior Conference. The Junior Gavel for membership went to *West Haven* Juniors. Pressbook Awards went to *Naugatuck* and *Waterbury*. *Naugatuck* received an award for their Teen Center, and vocational guidance program in high schools. Somers adopted an orphan from Hiroshima, and West Hartford purchased a TV for the American School for the Deaf (a major purchase for 1952!). Waterbury hosted Fall Conference. Membership was 1,529 in 14 clubs. Civil Defense was selected as the Junior Project.

**1953** Spring Conference was at the Bond Hotel in Hartford. Mrs. John B. Fahey from Torrington was elected Chairman. The following amendment was proposed: "Clubs whose membership is composed of young women shall be classified as Junior Clubs. Member clubs may stipulate age restrictions at their discretion." It was defeated 36 to 31. Fall Conference was held in Torrington at the Conley Inn. The treasury balance showed \$123.47. **WETHERSFIELD** Juniors was formed.

**1954** Spring Conference was held at CL&P in Newington. **PLAINVILLE** Juniors was formed in February. Fall Conference was held at the Connecticut Junior Republic in Litchfield. There were 17 clubs in attendance. **WALLINGFORD** formed a Junior club in December 1954.

**1955** The Nominating Committee Chairman was now an elected board position. Spring Conference was held at G Fox & Co. in Hartford. **WILLIMANTIC** Juniors joined. A name change was made from Chairman and Vice Chairman to Director of Juniors and Assistant Director. A Junior club was formed in **CHESHIRE**. Treasury balance was now at \$219.96.

**1956-9** The **STAMFORD** Club was formed in July 1956; Mrs. Fannie Gabriel was elected Director for 1957-58. The age limit for Juniors' was raised to 40 in 1957. \$1,000 was donated to Mentally Retarded Children. **SIMSBURY** Juniors was formed in 1957. Mrs. William Walsh was named Director for 1958-1960. In 1958 the **ROCKY HILL** Juniors were formed.

**1960** There were 23 clubs. **MANCHESTER** Juniors was formed and Mrs. Robert Anderson was named Director for 1960-1962.

**1961** Membership was 2,551 in 25 clubs. **VERNON & GLASTONBURY** new additions.

**1962** Under Director Mrs. Evelyn Farley of Plainville, there were 2,536 members. Vernon had increased its membership from 50 to 115. Fall Conference was hosted by New Britain at the Wonder Bar in Berlin. The price for lunch was \$3.00. The projects submitted for Junior State Project were: High Meadows by New Haven; Children's Wing at CT. Valley Hospital by Manchester; Mansfield Training School by Willimantic; CT. School for the Blind by West Hartford and Asphyxia by Wallingford. The CT. Valley Children's Wing was chosen. National Awards won by CT. Juniors were: International Affairs & Study Group, Veterans, Conservation, Family Living and a CARE 100% plaque. *Cheshire* received an award from Shell for Safety and *West Haven* for street lighting. The Junior treasury showed a balance of \$1,242.76.

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**1963** Spring Conference was at the Waverly Inn, Cheshire - West End hosted. Juniors put in 45,000 service hours, donated \$27,442 and gave out \$5,070 in scholarships. Membership was 2,565 members in 28 clubs. \$2,643 was donated to CT. Valley Hospital. Fall Conference was at Tobacco Valley Inn, Windsor - Hartford Juniors hosted. The treasury balance was \$814.18.

**1964** Spring Conference was held at the Waverly Inn, Cheshire - Wallingford hosted. Mrs. Dudley Dutton was elected Director. Juniors sent letters to Congressmen asking them to vote against the removal of prayer in schools. CT. Valley Hospital received a check for \$2,340.40 for a 2 year total of \$4,983.40. Juniors put in 94,770 service hours, donated \$56,000, and gave out 59 scholarships totaling \$10,870. The first Junior Handbook was compiled. Proposals for Junior State Project were: Birth Defects (Grace New Haven Hospital) - West End; Instructors of Handicapped - Vernon; New England Institute for Medical Research - Greenwich; & Undercliff Mental Hospital - Meriden. Instructors of Handicapped were chosen. **BERLIN** joined. Berlin and Meriden were hosted Fall Conference at the Wonder Bar. The cost of the luncheon was \$3.65 including registration. 237 members attended. **MYSTIC** joined with 100 members. The Junior treasury was \$912.67.

**1965** Appointment of the Nominating Committee was forgotten at Fall Conference. There were 23 leads for new clubs in Fairfield County. The Assistant Director, Janet Knaus was so busy she requested Extension Representatives be appointed in each county to help found new clubs -this was the beginning of District Reps. The Waverly Inn, Cheshire was the site of Spring Conference with West Haven Juniors hosting. The Treasury balance was \$1,072.73. Juniors had collected \$2,515.11 for State Project. West Haven Juniors celebrated their 30th Anniversary. An article appeared in Readers Digest regarding Instructors of Handicapped and Connecticut Juniors was the first organization to give their support. Janet Knaus followed 78 leads for new clubs in 29 communities. All Extension Reps were members of the board. The Junior Membership Gavel was lost! The 18-40 inclusive age limit was discussed again. There was some question about the word "inclusive". New clubs formed in 1965 included: **WINSTED, LITCHFIELD, & TOLLAND**. Fall Conference was at the Half Way House Restaurant in Darien with Stamford hosting, lunch was \$3.55. Additional new clubs: **FAIRFIELD, LEDYARD-GALES FERRY, SOUTHLINGTON, CROMWELL, SHORELINE, TRUMBULL, & PAWCATUCK/STONINGTON**. Club count was 37. The Junior treasury balance was at \$864.14.

**1966** Cheshire Juniors sponsored Spring Conference at the Waverly Inn, Cheshire - lunch price was \$4.00 including registration. **ELLINGTON & WOLCOTT** were formed. Janet Knaus was elected Director from 1966-1968. Wethersfield showed a film in honor of the 75th anniversary of General Federation. Connecticut Juniors totaled 3,353 members in 39 clubs. Juniors donated over \$50,000, \$20,193 in scholarships and 125,000 service hours. \$5,291.64 was donated to the Junior Project - Instructors of Handicapped. New Britain Juniors hosted Fall Conference at the Wonder Bar in Berlin, 332 members attended. New clubs were: **HAMDEN, PORTLAND & NORWALK**. Zip codes were mandatory. Treasury balance was \$282.46. New Horizons introduced by Glastonbury Juniors was the new Junior Project selected. There were now 42 clubs!

**1967** In January 1967, while serving as Junior Director, Janet Knaus was appointed GFWC Membership Chairman! Spring Conference was held at the Park Plaza Hotel in New Haven with Plainville Juniors hosting. 560 members were in attendance. Outstanding club awards were given by population: Over 40,000 --*Bristol*; Under 40, 000--*Wallingford*. The Membership Award went to *Simsbury*. The concept of Juniorette Clubs was being investigated. Trumbull Juniors hosted Fall Conference at the Hillandale Country Club. Lunch price was \$4.60. 317 members attended. **STRATFORD, FARMINGTON, MIDDLETOWN & EAST LYME** clubs joined. Membership was at 3,700 in 46 clubs.

**1968** 482 members attended Spring Conference at the Statler Hilton - Glastonbury hosted. Shirley Meo was elected Director for 1968-70. There were 51 Junior Clubs with 4,256 members, an increase of 1,001 members in 2 years! 14 new clubs had been formed in that 2 year period. **STAFFORD, TERRYVILLE, WOODBURY, LOWER VALLEY & BEACON FALLS** joined juniors. \$3,620 was raised for New Horizons. Awards went to *Fairfield* (over 40,000) and *Vernon* (under 40,000). The Janet Knaus Membership Award was presented to *Meriden*. **ANDOVER** joined, bringing the total clubs to 52. Service hours were eliminated as part of reporting. New clubs were being formed in Shelton, Bolton, Hebron and Windham. "Polly & Pete" Safety dolls were started by *Simsbury*. Fall Conference was held at the Castillion Room in Waterbury, hosted by Waterbury, 396 members attended. **SHELTON & BOLTON** became members -- Junior clubs are now at 54. The Children's Center of Hamden was chosen as the Junior State Project - Cheshire sponsored.

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**1969** Manchester hosted Spring Conference at Valle 's - 613 members attended. Membership Awards went to *Winsted* and *New Britain* - the Janet Knaus Membership Tray to *Torrington*. Other awards were: *Stamford* (over 40,000), *Southington* (14,001-40,000) and *Ledyard-Gales Ferry* (0-14,000). Three new clubs joined - MILFORD, **WINDSOR & TOBACCO VALLEY** (East Windsor, Warehouse Point & East Hartford). Fall Conference was held at DePasquale's, Berlin with Rocky Hill hosting. There were 58 clubs with **WATERFORD** being the newest member. A Juniorette program was being developed.

**1970** 563 members attended Spring Conference at the Holiday Inn, Bridgeport. Fairfield hosted. Gloria Collins was elected Director. **NEW LONDON & ENFIELD** joined for a total of 4,346 members in 60 clubs. *Willimantic* won The Janet Knaus Membership Award. Outstanding club awards to: *Bristol* - large; *Vernon* - medium; and *Ellington* -small. Mrs. Collins resigned and Marcella Corcoran was named Director when Fall Conference was held at Valle's in Hartford; Vernon hosted with 440 Juniors present. **WATERTOWN & SOUTHERN CT** joined. Daytop Drug Rehabilitation Center was chosen as the Junior State Project sponsored by Milford. Juniors began alerting the public about ecology with non-returnable bottles and detergents without phosphates. Juniors advocated research in, and implementation of, the recycling of biodegradable products.

**1971** Spring Conference was at Aetna Life & Casualty in Hartford - Simsbury hosted and 583 members attended. **HEBRON & AVON** received President's pins. Betty Crocker coupons were collected for the Kidney Foundation - 225,000 coupons had been collected by Spring Conference. The Janet Knaus Membership tray was presented to *Newington*. Outstanding club awards went to: Class A - *Bristol & Stratford*, Class B- *Trumbull & Glastonbury*, and Class C - *Ledyard Gales Ferry & Ellington*. By May 1971, 900,000 Betty Crocker coupons collected. Farmington Juniors hosted 341 members at Fall Conference at Valle's in Hartford. **WESTBROOK** was the newest club for a total of 63 clubs. A check for \$3,000 was presented to the President of the Kidney Foundation for the purchase a dialysis machine.

**1972** The Betty Crocker coupons were sent to General Mills in Minnesota, cash value of the coupons was \$12,025, which purchased 4 kidney machines plus a \$578 cash donation. 573 members attended Spring Conference at the Italian Center in Stamford hosted by Stamford. **NEWTOWN/BROOKFIELD & DANBURY** received their pins. A 3/4-ton pick up truck was purchased for Daytop with gas money of \$338.55. A donation to purchase 3 more dialysis machines was made to the Kidney Foundation. The Janet Knaus Tray was presented to *Glastonbury* and the Outstanding Club Awards to *New Britain* for Class 1, *Vernon* - Class 2 - and *Shelton* - Class 3. Barbara Couch was elected Director for 1972-74. Fall Conference was hosted by West Haven and held at the Knights of Columbus in West Haven with 391 Juniors were in attendance. **EAST HARTFORD** was being formed, and GREENWICH, AVON & WESTBROOK resigned their membership.

**1973** 589 Juniors were present at the Spring Conference at the Stratford Motor Hotel in Bridgeport - Shoreline hosted. Barbara Shuttleworth urged all members to plan two meatless meals per week and the "Meat Boycott" was on its way! The Janet Knaus Membership Tray was presented to *New Britain*. The Outstanding Club Awards went to *Class A -West Haven*, *Class B- Glastonbury*, *Class C - Tolland*. **EAST HAMPTON** joined -the total number of clubs was 64. The first Juniorette club was formed in **NEW BRITAIN**. **CLINTON, WESTON, & BARKHAMSTED** were new clubs. Newington hosted Fall Conference with 324 members in attendance. The Commission on the Status of Women was formed in CT.

**1974** Ellington hosted Spring Conference at Valle's - 694 Juniors attended! Linda Dolin from Manchester was elected Junior Director. **OXFORD** joined. *Manchester* won The Janet Knaus Membership Tray and Outstanding Club Awards to *Hebron* -Class 1, *Wallingford* - Class 2 & *New Britain* -Class 3. Angie Hamilton became director when Linda Dolin resigned. Fall Conference was at Valle's with Manchester hosting 397 Juniors. The motto became "If you want something done-give it to a Junior!" LUPUS was chosen as Junior State Project - East Hartford sponsored. **MONTVILLE & HADDAM** joined. Our membership totaled 4,472 members in 70 clubs and 1 Juniorette club with 13 members. Spring Conference was being discussed as a 2-day event.

**1975** Enfield hosted Spring Conference at the Red Coach Inn in Windsor with 560 Juniors present. \$2,000.85 was presented to the Lupus Foundation. Bumper stickers stated "Join Juniors." Angie Hamilton was made an Honorary Director for life. **ROCKY HILL JUNIORETTE**s joined. The Outstanding Club awards went to: Class 1 - *Hebron*, Class 2 - *New Britain* and Class 3 - *Wallingford*. Fall Conference was held at Valle's - Simsbury hosted 333 Juniors.

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**1976** 481 Juniors attended Spring Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Norwich - Mystic and Stonington hosted. **ANSONIA** and **EAST HADDAM** became the newest clubs. *Plainville* was the first winner of the Angela Hamilton Leadership Award. Outstanding clubs awards went to: *Tolland - Class 1; Mystic - Class 2; West Haven - Class 3*. Joyce King of Wallingford was elected Junior Director and the first Juniorette Coordinator was appointed. Fall Conference was held at The Ambassador Restaurant in Hamden hosted by Wallingford Juniors. **ENFIELD JUNIOTTES & LEDYARD JUNIOTTES** were forming. Juvenile Diabetes was chosen as Junior State Project - sponsored by Hamden & West Haven. No smoking during the business portion of meetings was begun at all conferences. **MONROE** joined.

**1977** Barkhamsted & Winsted hosted Spring Conference at DeLeo's Grove in Torrington with 535 members. Membership reached 3,881 members. A check was presented to Juvenile Diabetes for \$3,980.06. Juniors participated in the ban on saccharine and there was 100% participation in CIP. The overall club awards went to: *Class 1 - Waterbury, Class 2 - Glastonbury and Class 3 - West Haven*. Wethersfield hosted 322 Juniors at Fall Conference at Valle's. **GUILFORD** was our newest club. The age limit was being discussed again.

**1978** Connecticut Juniors celebrated their 40th Anniversary. Spring Conference was held at Restland Farms, Middletown hosted. Barbara Baroni of Middletown was elected Junior Director. Fall Conference hosted by Watertown was held at Valle's - 392 Juniors attended. **SEYMOUR, MARLBOROUGH** and **GROTON** was the newest clubs. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome was the State Junior Project sponsored by Stratford. **WOLCOTT JUNIOTTES** and **VERNON JUNIOTTES** were additions to our growing numbers. In November, 1978, Barbara Baroni resigned as Junior Director and Maureen Borski assumed the position of Junior Director. Maureen selected her theme for the ensuing term of "*Let us take time for all things.*" A Federation Interaction Committee submitted a list of by-law proposals to CSFWC that would put the Junior Membership on a more equal standing with the Women's Clubs. The rejection of these proposals by the CSFWC By-law Committee disturbed the Junior Membership. The Junior Executive Board met and most felt that if our by-laws were not accepted, we should withdraw from CSFWC. A meeting was set up with Juanita Bryant, First Vice President of General Federation and both executive committees.

**1979** Spring Conference was hosted by Rocky Hill on April 21, 1979. Maureen Borski discussed the results of the meeting between GFWC and the Executive Committee. It was decided to leave the CSFWC if our by-laws were not accepted at the State Convention. Most Junior clubs were concerned with raising the age limit beyond 40 years. The officers and chairmen were concerned with having voting privileges at the State Convention and other State meetings. At the CSFWC Convention in May, 1979, most of our proposals were defeated. On June 9, 1979, the Junior membership met and handed in their resignations to Maureen Borski who, in turn mailed them to the Corresponding Secretary of the CSFWC. A By-law Committee was appointed to draw up the proposed by-laws for the Connecticut Junior Women, Inc. Fall Conference was hosted by Hebron. The by-laws were voted on and accepted.

**1980** April 18 & 19 was the first two-day conference for Connecticut Junior Women, Inc. It was hosted by Enfield at the Ramada Inn in East Windsor. Friday was dedicated to the Arts with annual Arts & Crafts and sewing competition. Friday night Juniors scurried around the motel on a scavenger hunt. On Saturday, the annual awards were presented. *Waterbury - Class 1, Wallingford - Class 2 and Glastonbury - Class 3* received the Outstanding Club Awards. *Stratford* received the State Project tray that had been named in honor of Joyce King, past Junior Director who had moved to California. The Janet Knaus Membership Award was presented to *Wallingford*. The Mental Health Bell was awarded to *Vernon*. The CJW logo was voted on, the winner was Susan Prueher of East Haddam. On May 14, 1980 the Infant Apnea Center at Bridgeport Hospital was formally dedicated through our efforts. At that time, over \$20,000 was raised by the Connecticut Junior Women, Inc. The officers for the 1980-82 administration were elected as follows Shirley MacGregor, Director; Marie Bates, Assistant Director; Pat Najarian, Recording Secretary; Gayle West, Corresponding Secretary; Marge Jageler, Treasurer; and Jan Gannon, Assistant Treasurer. **Wallingford Juniottes** joined CJW. The theme: "*...living each day, trying to accomplish something...*"

Fall Conference was held on October 18 at Valle's in Hartford. It was hosted by New Britain. At this conference, the Lupus Foundation was adopted as our State Project. In November the first Home Life Day was held at the Lord Cromwell Inn in Berlin.

**1981** Spring Conference was held on April 24-25 at the Marriott Motel in Stamford with Stamford as the host. At this conference we adopted our present CJW pledge. During 1980-81 CJW contributed a total of \$167,231.91. The Outstanding Clubs announced at this conference were *Class 1 - Waterbury, Class 2 - Middletown, Class 3 - Wallingford; Juniottes - Wallingford*. Fall Conference was hosted by Oxford and held

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at Rapp's Paradis Inn in Ansonia. The speaker for the day was Grace None, Executive Director of the CT. Food Stores Association.

**1982** Spring Conference was held on April 23-24 at the Sheraton Inn, Norwich, hosted by District 9. Monetary donations for 1981-82 were \$234,034.33. \$401,266.44 was the grand total for the two years. A total donation was made to Lupus for \$32,867.29. The outstanding clubs were: Class 1 - *Waterbury*, Class 2 - *Wolcott*, Class 3 - *Wallingford*, & *Wolcott Junioresettes*. CJW welcomed four new **Juniorette** clubs - **HAMDEN, NEWINGTON, MARLBOROUGH, & WEST HAVEN**. Marie Bates of Wallingford was elected Director; Marge Jageler, Assistant Director; Jan Gannon, Recording Secretary; Ervene Pellegrini, Corresponding Secretary; Pat Najarian, Treasurer and Donna Pazdar, Assistant Treasurer. Marie incorporated the words from our CJW Pledge: "*Juniors Grow, Share, Give and Care together.*"

Fall Conference was held at Restland Farms with Wallingford hosting. The **DURHAM** club was accepted into CJW. Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis was selected as the State Project.

**1983** Connecticut Juniors celebrated their 45th Anniversary at Spring Conference, April 29-30 at the Holiday Inn in Hartford, with East Hartford hosting. 308 members attended on Friday and 542 on Saturday. Total membership was 3,020. Junioresettes totaled 119 in 8 clubs. Total donations for 1982-1983 were \$344,557.24. A check for \$7,424.80 was presented to Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. Outstanding Club Awards went to: *Hebron* -Class 1, *Wolcott* -Class II, *Meriden* -Class III, & a tie between *Wallingford* and *Hamden Junioresettes*. *Meriden* won the Janet Knaus Membership Tray & the Mental Health Bell. *Hamden* won the Angela Hamilton Leadership Pitcher & *Wolcott* won the Veteran's Key. *Hamden Junioresettes* won the Juniorette Membership Gavel.

The First Annual State-wide Spelling Bee was held in Wallingford in May. Over 30 children from the 5th and 8th grades across the state participated in the contest. Fall Conference was held at the Colony Inn in Vernon and was hosted by the Vernon. Lyn Wabrek spoke on "Update on Female Sexuality for 1983. The State of the Art". CJW Bylaws were revised. Home Life Day was held for the second time at the Yale Inn in Meriden.

**1984** "Juniors Make Music from the Heart" was the theme celebrated by Juniors at Spring Conference, May 4 and 5, hosted by Wolcott at the Danbury Hilton. Donations for the past year totaled \$289,925.84. JRA contributions to date total over \$42,000. **ANSONIA-DERBY Juniors & DURHAM JUNIORETTE**s were welcomed into CJW. Outstanding club awards went to *Naugatuck* - Class I; *Wolcott* - Class II; and *Wallingford* - Class III. *Newington* was recognized as the Outstanding Juniorette club. *Oxford* was awarded the Janet Knaus Membership Tray while *Wethersfield* was awarded the Angela Hamilton Leadership Pitcher. *Shelton* received the Joyce King State Project Tray for their work with JRA.

The 1984-1986 Administration was elected as follows: Marge Jageler of Windsor, Director; Patricia Najarian, Assistant Director; Judi Richard, Recording Secretary; Donna Pazdar. "*Juniors bloom in friendship, leadership and service*" was the theme for this administration. Spring Conference 1984 was hosted by Stamford at the Marriott Hotel in Stamford with the theme "Helping Out ... is what teddies are all about!" **SOUTH WINDSOR, MIDDLEBURY & MIDDLEFIELD** were accepted into CJW Membership. Club awards went to Junioresettes - TOLLAND, Class I - MONTVILLE, Class II - TOLLAND, Class III - MONROE. 2,596 members in 70 clubs and 160 Junioresettes in 11 clubs in the form of monetary donations, camperships/awards, scholarships and "other" distributed \$443,066.68. The first Poetry and Essay Contest was conducted at Spring Conference with the theme "What Has Juniors Done for Me?" The winning poetry entry was written by Louise Costello of Wolcott and the first place essay entry was awarded to Barbara Sanders of Wallingford.

For the first time, State Project was chosen at June Workshops held in Plainville. The UCONN Children's Cancer Program submitted by Simsbury was selected. Fall Conference was held at the Conference Center in Windsor Locks. Windsor was the host club. M. Pengal helped us "Discover Who You Want to Become". Homelife Day was held in early December, attendees learned tin punching and reflected upon "Mother-Daughter Relations".

**1985** In January, Pat Najarian resigned as Asst. Director and Donna Pazdar assumed the position. The Executive Committee met with Sandi Jones, National Junior Director of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Ideas and concerns were shared and lines of communication opened. The First Juniorette Arts & Crafts Day was held. Over 40 craft entries were displayed, and a program on Color Analysis highlighted the event. Spring Conference was at the Danbury Hilton hosted by Danbury. "Hats Off to Juniors" festivities included a crazy hat contest at Fun Night. Donations for the past year totaled \$365,350.02 and the UCONN Children's Cancer Program total to date was \$15,908.46. **OXFORD JUNIORETTE**s were welcomed to CJW.

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Club awards were presented to *Naugatuck* - Class I; *Enfield* - Class II; *Meriden & Wethersfield* - Class III; and Juniorettes - *Newington*. *Clinton* received The Janet Knaus Membership Tray and The Angela Hamilton Leadership Pitcher. *Trumbull* was awarded the Mental Health Bell and *Glastonbury* won the Veterans Key.

The winner of the Second Poetry & Essay Contest was "Why I'm Glad I'm A Connecticut Junior". The winning poetry entry was written by Ellen Gerardi of New Britain, and the first place essay was written by Janet Chapman of Mystic. The First Director's Contest, "Dial The Director" was won by Kay Hunter of Farmington with a guess of 965; the exact number of times the Director, Marge Jageler, talked on the phone in the past year. The Third Annual Statewide Spelling Bee was held in Middletown, and Ashley Ball, sponsored by Lower Valley, won for the second year in a row. The September Board Meeting was held at The UCONN Health Center. Dr. Arnold Altman was the speaker, and tours of the Pediatric facilities were given.

A "Junior Celebration", complete with magic show and a balloon launch, was planned by the Newington Juniorettes at Fall Conference...the first Juniorette club to ever hostess a Conference. The sixth Home Life Day was again held at The Yale Inn. A wide range of workshops was offered and all attendees made soft sculpture teddy bears.

**1986** As the calendar turned to the New Year, the enthusiastic support of the UCONN State Project continued. Fund raising events abounded - including a highly successful cocktail party at The Carousel in Hartford and a Get-Away raffle coordinated by the clubs in District II. Countless "Wish List" items were donated, and many clubs visited the Health Center to help brighten the lives of the children. Of note was the Holiday Party for all the children treated by the Day Treatment Center.

"Juniors Having Caring Hearts" was The Spring Conference Theme. The Conference Center in Windsor Locks was the setting, and Enfield hosted two days of activities. The Duke Ellington Orchestra from Windsor High School opened the festivities. The UCONN Health Center hosted a poolside Reception and Cocktail party to thank CJW members for an unbelievable two years. The evening poolside gathering was a "Dress The Director" Roast. Donations for the past year totaled \$390,141.64. The GRAND TOTAL raised to date for UCONN was \$91,245.78 - \$40,000 of which has been used to purchase the blood irradiator machine for the bone marrow transplant program. The **WESTVILLE JUNIORETTES & ORANGE COMMUNITY WOMEN** were welcomed to CJW. Outstanding club awards were presented to *Middletown* - Class I; *Mystic* - Class II; *Oxford* - Class III; & *Wallingford Juniorettes*. *Tolland* was awarded The Janet Knaus Tray and *Clinton* earned The Angela Hamilton Pitcher. *Windsor* was awarded the Mental Health Bell and *Glastonbury* received the Veterans Key. *Simsbury* and *Tolland* received the Joyce King State Project Tray for their work at UCONN.

A new Juniorette Leadership Award was established, The Sarah Steven's Pitcher, in honor of a daughter of a Tolland Junior, who died of leukemia, was awarded to the *Newington Juniorettes*. The Second Director's Contest, "Miles with Marge", was won by Ronnie Wilson of Clinton. Her guess of 13,000 miles was just seven miles short of the total miles Marge Jageler traveled in her two years as Director. The 1986-1988 Administration was elected as follows: Donna Pazdar of Wethersfield - Director; Jo Ashline of New Britain - Assistant Director; Susan Ponton of Watertown - Recording Secretary; Patricia Smatt of Bristol - Corresponding Secretary; Carole Eager of Wallingford - Treasurer and Jeanne Boulay of Hebron - Assistant Treasurer. John Pazdar, Donna's husband was the Installing Officer. The theme: "*Juniors united makes things happen.*" The 1986-88 State Project was chosen at June Workshops in Portland. Project Discovery (Camp Hemlocks) submitted by Hebron, was selected. Fall Conference 1986 was held at Restland Farms in Northford with Middletown hosting. Gloria Shaffer was the keynote speaker. Report writing workshops were held in districts throughout the fall months.

**1987** The annual February board dinner was held at Rapp's Paradise Inn in Ansonia. Spring Conference 1987 was hosted by District 5 Clubs at The Waterbury Sheraton with 355 members in attendance on Friday and 515 in attendance on Saturday. Outstanding club awards went to: Class I - *Haddam*, Class II - *Mystic*, Class III - *Clinton*, Juniorettes - *Monroe*. *Clinton* was awarded the Janet Knaus Membership Tray, and *Monroe* Juniorettes the Larina Pettis Membership Gavel. The Angela Hamilton Leadership Pitcher went to *Clinton* and the Sara Steven's Leadership Pitcher went to *Monroe* Juniorettes. *Wethersfield* received the Mental Health Bell and *Glastonbury* the Veterans Key. \$1,600 was awarded in CJW Scholarships to three worthy women. Five new Juniorette clubs were welcomed - **FARMINGTON, MONROE, SOUTHINGTON, TOLLAND & WOODBURY**. 64 clubs reported donations totaling \$590,255.68 for this club year. Membership was at 2,640 in 69 clubs. Fall Conference 1987, hosted by Woodbury, was again held at The Waterbury Sheraton. Enfield hosted the March board meeting where the film "Drunk Driving, A Life Sentence" was shown.

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**1988** District 2 hosted Spring Conference 1988 at The Treadway Hotel in Cromwell where Sister Joyce Wise spoke on "Our Role in Today's Society." Connecticut Juniors celebrated their 50th anniversary at this conference with honorary directors, Shirley MacGregor (1980-82) & Maureen Borski (1978-80) as chairmen. Other Past Directors attending the celebration were Marge Jageler (1984-86), Marie Bates (1982-84), Joyce King (1976-78), Linda Erickson (1974), Marcella Gage (1970-72), Barbara Couch (1972-74) & Janet Knaus (1966-68). CJW watches were presented to the honorary directors and key chains to the membership as mementos. The CJW Scholarship was named in honor of Past Director Maureen Borski (1978-80). Me

Membership stood at 2,663. A poll determined that 628 members work full-time, 632 work part-time, for a total of 1,260 members (47%). 24 members attend school full-time and 125 attend part-time.

Club awards went to: Class I - *Waterford*, Class II - *Tolland*, Class III - *Clinton*, Junioresettes - *Monroe*. Donations made during this club year were \$423,155.59. The total for this administration was \$1,013,411.27. The Janet Knaus Membership Award went to *Tolland* and the Larina Pettis Membership Gavel to *Monroe Junioresettes*. The Angela Hamilton Leadership Pitcher was presented to *Clinton* and the Sara Steven's Leadership Pitcher was presented to *Monroe Junioresettes*. The Mental Health Bell was awarded to *Trumbull* and the Veterans Key to *Glastonbury*. The Joyce King State Project Tray awarded to *Farmington* and *Tolland*. Over \$50,000 was raised for Project Discovery that allowed for a travel van to be purchased and moneys set aside for the printing of a travel guide.

Shirley MacGregor, director 1980-82, installed the officers for the 1988-90 administration: Director - Jo Ashline of New Britain, Assistant Director - Sue Ponton of Watertown, Recording Secretary - Jeanne Boulay of Southington, Corresponding Secretary - Gayle West of New Britain, Treasurer - Sandy Bocynesky of Vernon and Assistant Treasurer - Pat Trask of Vernon. A contest was held during the fall to select a theme for CJW. It was announced that New Britain won with their submission of "*Catch the Junior Spirit*" as the theme for 1988-90.

At June Workshops, Special Wishes, Inc. (sponsored by Ledyard) was chosen as the CJW State Project for the 1988-90 administration, with a goal to raise \$125,000 to enable 100 children with life threatening illnesses to have their wishes granted. In addition, Juniors would be the source of the teddy bears given to each child at the initial interview. CJW purchased 25 of the videos "Drunk Driving, A Life Sentence", shown at the March board meeting. They were distributed to chairmen and reps throughout the state for clubs to borrow for promoting programs dealing with the drunk driving issue. Report writing workshops would be handled by the District Reps. Fall Conference 1988 was held at the Holiday Inn in New Britain and hosed by Berlin.

**GUILFORD** was accepted into membership at this time. 378 members attended this Conference.

**1989** The annual February board dinner was held at Nucchi's Restaurant in Forestville. The Janet Knaus Membership Award went to *Monroe*, the Larina Pettis Membership Gavel to *Tolland*, the Angela Hamilton Leadership Pitcher to *Clinton*, and the Sara Steven's Leadership Pitcher to *Tolland Junioresettes*. *Wethersfield* received the Mental Health Bell and *Glastonbury* the Veterans Key. The Maureen Borski CJW Scholarship was awarded to three applicants totaling \$2,000. A recent poll showed that 645 members work full-time, 510 works part-time for a total of 1,313 or 50% of the CJW membership. 19 members attend school full-time while 126 members attend part-time. Fall Conference 1989 hosted by New Britain was held at the Holiday Inn, New Britain with the theme "Juniors are FAN-tastic." 336 members attended. The Jean Marie Colbert Bone Marrow Transplant Center at UCONN opened in December 1989 with CJW joining in the festivities. This center was the State Project for 1986-1988.

**1990** In January, it was learned that the Howard Johnson's Conference Center in South Windsor was filing for bankruptcy. As this was the scheduled site of the 1990 Spring Conference there was concern. Mr. Scott Smith, General Manager of Howard Johnson's Conference Center was a guest at the February board dinner, which was held at Nucchi's in Forestville with 56 members in attendance. Mr. Smith explained that the Howard Johnson's in South Windsor had filed Chapter 13, which was a reorganization of finances and guaranteed that they were looking forward to our conference. Spring Conference was hosted by the East Hartford with the theme "Spread Your Wings with Junior Spirit." Mr. Smith welcomed the group, and made the ballroom facility available for 2 days, at no charge for our fund raising needs of the new state project which would be selected in June. Club awards went to *Tolland Junioresettes*, *Class I - Montville*, *Class II - Wolcott* and *Class III - Clinton*. 2,567 members in 71 clubs and 153 Junioresettes in 15 clubs donated \$478,982.01 in money, scholarships, camperships / awards and "other" donations this club year. \$101,007.90 was raised for Special Wishes, the CJW State Project. The total donations for this administration were \$1,025,056.59.

The Joyce King State Project Award went to *Clinton*. The Janet Knaus Membership Award went to *Montville* and the Larina Pettis Membership Gavel to *Tolland Junioresettes*. The Angela Hamilton Leadership

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Pitcher was awarded to *Simsbury* and the Sara Steven's Leadership Pitcher to *Tolland Junioresettes*. *Wolcott* and *Wethersfield* shared the Mental Health Bell Award and the Veterans Key went to *Wethersfield*. The Maureen Borski Scholarships totaling \$2,100 was awarded to three students. A Junioresette Educational Assistance Grant for a school related activity was given for the first time. The \$150.00 was awarded to two Junioresettes from *Wolcott* who had written of their needs. One award of \$ 100.00 went toward a school trip to Russia and one for \$50.00 toward a prom dress. CIP Awards went to 7 winners: 1st place, \$300.00 each to *Shelton & Tolland*; 2nd place, \$200.00 to *Vernon*, 3rd place, \$150.00 to *Newington* and 4th place, \$100.00 to *Southington*. In addition, a Junioresette 1st place, \$150.00 was awarded to *Tolland Junioresettes* with an honorable mention going to *Woodbury Junioresettes*.

It was voted by the membership that the balance of \$25,000 remaining for Project Discovery (State Project 1986-88) be earmarked toward the purchase of another travel van, and the information compiled for a travel guide be given to a state agency for use in directing people to designated handicapped facilities. It was felt that CJW did not have the manpower necessary to keep this type of travel guide updated. Officers installed by Pat Dwyer, a charter member of Watertown, for the 1990-92 administration were: Director - Susan Ponton of Watertown, Assistant Director - Jeanne Boulay of Southington, Recording Secretary - Pat Tarasovic of Oxford, Corresponding Secretary - Charlene Bayley of West Hartford, Treasurer - Pat Trask of Vernon and Assistant Treasurer - Donna DeDecko of East Hartford. "*Catch the Junior Spirit*" theme was continued with the 90- 92 administration.

June Workshops, 1990 were held in Ledyard and the UCONN Pediatric Pulmonary Program was chosen as the CJW State Project. The sponsoring club was Farmington with a goal of \$125,000, which would enable UCONN to purchase an exercise lab and other equipment to measure lung capacity in children. The theme "Helping Connecticut Children Breathe Easier" was adopted for the project. Juniors would also provide activity kits and serve as sibling sitters and secret pals as part of the support for this State Project.

September Executive Board was held in Farmington to officially kick off the new State Project. Also, at this meeting, "Coupons for Kids", a coupon book for a safe Halloween, sponsored by Easter Seals and CJW were distributed to all clubs. We regretfully accepted the resignation of Charlene Bayley as Corresponding Secretary. Audrey Kelly, from Plainville Juniors, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Fall Conference was held in Southbury at the Ramada Renaissance with Woodbury Juniors as hostesses. The theme was "It's Junior's Nature and 301 members were in attendance. **WEST HAVEN JUNIORETTE**s were accepted into Membership.

**1991** The annual February board meeting was held at Angelico's in New Britain. Spring Conference, 1991 was hosted by District I clubs at the Windsor Court (formerly Howard Johnson's Conference Center). The theme was "Soaring High with Junior Spirit". Outstanding Club Awards were presented as follows: *Tolland Junioresettes - Class I - Beacon Falls, Class II - Wolcott, and Class III - Trumbull*. This was the year that the "Trays" were retired and new Plaques were awarded instead. The Plaques will be engraved and presented yearly. Donations totaled \$461,719.44 in the form of scholarships, camperships/awards, monetary and "other" donations and were distributed by 2,445 members in 69 clubs and 186 Junioresettes in 10 clubs.

The Janet Knaus Membership Tray was awarded to *Monroe* and the Larina Pettis Junioresette Membership Gavel went to *Tolland Junioresettes*. The Angela Hamilton Leadership Pitcher went to *Clinton* and the Sara Steven's Leadership Pitcher to *Tolland Junioresettes*. *Middletown* was awarded the Mental Health Bell and the Veteran's Key went to *Wethersfield*. The Maureen Borski Scholarship totaled \$2,100 and was evenly awarded to three applicants. An additional \$130.00 was awarded in the form of a Junioresette Merit Scholarship.

Fall Conference, 1991 once again found us at the Ramada Renaissance in Southbury with Trumbull as host. A new "Brunch" format was tried and it proved to be a favorable approach. **BETHLEHEM** was accepted into membership. There were 300 members in attendance. We regretfully accepted the resignation of DANBURY. The remains of their treasury were disbursed between local charities and our State Project.

**1992** The annual February board dinner was held at the Manor Inn in Southington and **TRUMBULL JUNIORETTE**s were accepted into membership. The March Executive Board meeting saw us entertained by the "Liberty Misses" part of the USO touring entertainers. Spring Conference was hosted by District II at the Waterbury Sheraton. The theme was "Breathing Easy with Juniors". We all learned how to manage stress from Louise Niesobecki, psychotherapist, our keynote speaker on Friday.

Outstanding Club Awards went to: *Wolcott Junioresettes, Class I - Montville, Class II - Wolcott, & Class III - Trumbull*. We are currently 2,331 members in 68 clubs and 182 Junioresettes in 12 clubs for a combined total of 2,513. Our donations in the form of money, scholarships, camperships/awards and "other" donations totaled \$465,199.30. To date, \$75,000 has been raised for the UCONN Pediatric Pulmonary Program, our

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CJW State Project. The total donations for this administration were \$1,001,918.74.

The Joyce King State Project Award went to *Farmington*. The Janet Knaus Membership Tray was awarded to *Monroe* and the Larina Pettis Juniorette Membership Gavel went to *Tolland Junioresettes*. The Angela Hamilton Leadership Pitcher went to *Monroe* and the Sara Steven's Leadership Pitcher to *Tolland Junioresettes*. *Wolcott* was awarded the Mental Health Bell and the Veteran's Key went to *Berlin*.

The Maureen Borski Scholarship totaled \$2,400 and was awarded to five students. CIP Awards went to: 1st Place - *Enfield*, \$600.00 for their recycling project; 2nd Place - *Tolland Junioresettes*, \$300.00 for their "Lasting Observance of Veterans"; and 3rd Place - *Litchfield*, \$300.00 for "Save our Sandy Beach".

This year, due to a mandatory ruling from CJW Executive Board, all clubs reported to the Director. It was the first time we had an actual account of the total membership. 26 Junior Clubs and 1 Juniorette Club received 100% Participation Awards.

Officers for the 1992-94 administration was installed by Sandy Bocynesky, and Monique, daughter of the new Director, Jeanne Boulay of Southington. Other officers installed were: Assistant Director, Patricia Trask of Vernon; Recording Secretary, Maureen Sample of Enfield; Corresponding Secretary, Gloria Clair of Wolcott; Treasurer, Donna DeDecko of East Hartford and Assistant Treasurer, Kathy Jasak of East Hartford. The theme chosen was "*Each of us has the unique capacity to help others discover the colors in their very own rainbow!*" The challenge - "To help at least one person grow and discover the true colors of their own rainbow".

June workshop was hosted by South Windsor. Proposals were heard for five State Projects: "Time out for Families" - East Hartford; "UCONN Children's Cancer Fund" - Enfield; "Gifts of Love" - Simsbury; "Beardsley Zoolab" - Trumbull and "The Pediatric Family Center of Southern New England-Ronald McDonald House" - West Haven. The Beardsley Zoolab was selected with a goal to raise \$105,000 to improve and expand the Beardsley Zoo's educational programs by renovating an onsite building and equipping it as a zoolab. The theme "Discover the New World" was adapted and a mascot, named in a contest as Captain Beardsley was adopted for the project.

The September Board meeting was hosted by the Trumbull and included a tour of the Beardsley Zoo to "kickoff" the new project. The State Project Chairmen coordinated "CJW Day at the Zoo", a joint fundraiser by all Junior clubs willing to participate. This marked the first time that a majority of clubs worked together side by side on a state project fundraiser.

Fall Conference was held at the Raddison Conference Center in Cromwell and hosted by Farmington. The theme was "Each of us has the unique capacity to help others discover the colors in their very own rainbow!" and rainbows were the order of the day. There were 237 in attendance. The final presentation was made for the 1990-92 State Project "The UCONN Pediatric Pulmonary Program" for a grand total raised of \$92,490.55. It was announced that CJW was awards the 1992 Community Service Award from Easter Seals.

**1993** Regular Executive Board meetings were held at the YWCA in Meriden, including the annual dinner in February. The March Executive Board meeting, which was snowed out and rescheduled for the following week, was held in Clinton.

Spring Conference was held at Windsor Court, hosted by District 1 and 2. The theme, "Hit the Jackpot with Juniors", was carried throughout the weekend with a Junior Jackpot Drink Contest and a Vegas type fun night. CJW also celebrated 55 years of service to Connecticut. CJW clubs donated a total of \$1,003,600 in monetary and other donations during the 1992-93 reporting period. There were 2,185 members in 64 Junior clubs and 148 members in 11 Juniorette clubs for a total membership of 2,333. Outstanding club awards were presented to: *Wolcott Junioresettes*, *Waterford* -Class I, *Wolcott* - Class II & *Monroe* - Class III. The Mental Health Bell went to *Wolcott* & the Veteran's Key to *Glastonbury*. Membership awards to *East Hartford* & *Tolland Junioresettes*. Leadership awards to *Trumbull* & *Monroe Junioresettes*. A new award, the Arts Alive award, was presented for the first time to *Windsor*. Maureen Borski scholarships were presented to 6 recipients and totaled \$2,250. Two new additional presentations were the Marie Bates Juniorette Scholarships presented to four Junioresettes, totaling \$600 and the Juniorette Campership Award totaling \$240 to three Junioresettes.

June Workshops were colorfully hosted by Stratford Juniors. The rainbow theme was carried to this meeting with "color coding" of workshops. The new procedures for the CJW Board positions were adopted at this meeting. The September Executive Board meeting was hosted by Enfield Juniors and featured a new format of mini workshops for club officers conducted by the CJW Executive Committee.

Fall conference was held at the Raddison in Southbury hosted jointly by Watertown and Middlebury. The theme was "The Spirit of Juniors". There were 252 in attendance. **GLASTONBURY JUNIORETTE**s were admitted into CJW.

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**1994** The February's Board dinner was held at the YWCA in Meriden. This year's District Days had an unprecedented number of cancellations due to bad weather but finally all were completed including a combined District 3,4 & 5 held at the March Executive Board meeting in Simsbury.

Spring Conference was held at the Waterbury Sheraton, hosted by Berlin, with a theme of "Join Us at the End of the Rainbow". Entertainment on Friday was by the Candlelight Players and Friday's fun night was an evening of country line dancing. The Junior spirit continued to spread throughout the state! There were currently 2,070 members in 64 active Junior clubs and 191 members in 11 active Juniorette clubs for a total membership of 2,261. 480 new members joined throughout the state during the past year. There were 3 inactive clubs: Meriden, Farmington Young Juniors and Woodbury Juniorettes. Together, the CJW clubs contributed \$619,622.82 and an additional \$961,806.39 in goods for a total of \$1,581,429.21 during the past two years. The breakdown for each year was as follows:

	<u>1992-93</u>	<u>1993-94</u>
Monetary	\$172,395.67	\$214,448.25
Scholarships	\$ 78,657.50	\$ 67,100.45
Other Donations	\$717,252.52	\$244,553.87
Grants	\$ 12,452.75	\$ 12,842.50
Solicited funds	<u>\$ 22,841.61</u>	<u>\$ 38,884.14</u>
Total	\$1,003,600.00	\$577,829.21

Outstanding club awards were presented to: *Trumbull Juniorettes*, *Shoreline Community - Class I*, *Trumbull - Class II & Monroe - Class III*. The Mental Health Bell was awarded to *Trumbull* & the Veteran's Key to *Glastonbury*. The Janet Knaus Membership Award went to *Monroe*; the Laurina Pettis Membership Gavel to *Tolland Juniorettes*. Leadership awards to *Shoreline Community* (Angela Hamilton Award) & *Tolland Juniorettes* (Sara Stevens Leadership Pitcher). The Arts Alive award went to *Windsor*. Maureen Borski scholarships were presented to 6 recipients and totaled \$2,250. The Marie Bates Juniorette Scholarships presented to two Juniorettes, totaling \$600 & the Juniorette Campership Awards totaling \$240.

Officers for the 1994-96 administration were installed by outgoing Director, Jeanne Boulay: Pat Trask, Director; Patricia Tarasovic, Assistant Director; Donna DeDecko, Recording Secretary; Pat Doughty, Corresponding Secretary; Kathy Jasak, Treasurer; and Kathy Znosko, Assistant Treasurer. "*Start with a vision and weave your talents into a tapestry of service and friendship.*" was the theme chosen by this administration. Envisioning a better community, state and world, Juniors were encouraged to utilize the myriad of members' talents and work together on the local, district and state levels.

Stamford was the site of June Workshop and the following State Project proposals were presented: My Sister's Place - Glastonbury; Waterbury Youth Service Systems, Inc. - Naugatuck & Litchfield; Beardsley Zoolab - Trumbull & the Craniofacial Disorders Team - Wolcott. The Craniofacial Team was selected and Juniors began working to raise \$83,650.00 for the computer system and the video equipment required by the team to innovate the diagnostic and treatment procedures. The theme color was bright yellow and the "Smiley Face" became the symbol for State Project.

September Executive Board was at the UCONN Medical Center in Farmington, hosted by Wolcott to kick off the new project. A slide demo explaining the craniofacial program was presented and a campaign to collect soft toys was begun. The "Change Challenge" was initiated, an endeavor which ultimately allowed CJW to purchase works of art worth \$2000 to be enjoyed by the Craniofacial team and their young patients.

Fall Conference was hosted by the Waterford and held at the Radisson Hotel in New London. The theme was "Fall into Juniors" with 237 Juniors and Juniorettes attending. The Beardsley Zoo, State Project 1992-94, received the final contribution of \$7,720.03 for a total of \$57,720.03. Pennies for Art for state project totaled \$1,009.24. The guest speaker was J. Mulligan, representing the Tracy-Driscoll Agency, who explained many issues and concerns of liability in the volunteer sector. Entertainment was by the Coast Guard Quartet.

As of November, all Board Meetings were held at the Alzheimer's Center, in Southington.

**1995** The annual Board Dinner was held at the Ramada Inn in Meriden. Discussion of deadlines and conference attendance was candid, with a consensus decision that a club whose registration postmark does not meet the deadline may be refused seating. A Valentine's Day party for the craniofacial patients was announced, and club involvement was encouraged. March Executive Board was at UCONN and Wolcott hosted. The Development Office professionals gave a great workshop on fund raising.

"Happy Birthday, Sweet Sixteen" was the theme for Spring Conference 1995, Cheshire & District VII clubs threw CJW a party at the Waterbury Sheraton Inn. A Friday Night/ Saturday format was tried in response to members who work full time. 187 attended Friday and Miss Connecticut entertained after dinner, with a "New York, New York" kick line spontaneously contributing to the fun. 322 attended on Saturday, and

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the color bar around the State Project Smiley Face was filled in to \$19,247.64. The total monetary and other donations for the 1994-1995 reporting period were \$580,453.89. In 64 Junior clubs and I Juniorette clubs, the membership total was 2,151. Special Awards were presented to the following clubs: Janet Knaus Membership - *Newington*; Larina Petits Juniorette Gavel for Membership - *Tolland Junioresettes*; Angela B. Hamilton Leadership Pitcher, tie - *Monroe & Simsbury*; Sara Stevens Juniorette Leadership Pitcher - *Tolland Junioresettes*; Mental Health Bell - *Wolcott*; Veteran's Key - *West Haven*; Arts Alive - *Enfield & The Joyce King State Project Tray - Wolcott*. Outstanding Club Awards were presented to *Tolland Junioresettes, Waterford - Class 1, Trumbull - Class 11, & Monroe - Class III*. 8 Maureen Borski Scholarships were awarded for a total of \$1,800. Marie Bates passed away in April and was remembered for her work in initiating the Juniorette program by the Marie Bates Scholarship for Junioresettes. 2 scholarships were awarded of \$550. 3 Juniorette Camperships totaled \$300.

Plainville hosted June Workshops. New timing of the State Project selection process was announced: presentations would be made at the March Executive Board and voting at Spring Conference of the second year of the administration, this would allow clubs more time to make informed decisions. The Vernon Junioresettes hosted the September Executive Board Meeting and the program consisted of focus groups designed to address a variety of questions and concerns of both clubs and CJW.

"Juniors Provide Sterling Opportunities" was the theme of Fall Conference, hosted by Watertown, who was celebrating its 25th anniversary. The guest speaker was Jill Honeycomb and her topic was "Retirement Planning for Women". The program for the day consisted of three parts: "Table Talk": September Board focus group results; "Round Table" discussions of club strengths, needs, and group problem-solving, and, in answer to September Board requests, Officer/Department chair trouble-shooting opportunity groups.

**1996** The Board Dinner was held at the Ramada Inn in Meriden. The Smiley Face bar for State Project was colored to a total of \$40,000. It was announced that over 100 Juniors had volunteered to work at the new Children's Hospital Open House.

Trumbull hosted the March Board, where the proposals for State Project 1996-1998 were presented: Simsbury - the Arthritis Foundation & Watertown - Special Wishes. Spring Conference voting procedures were reviewed. The notification of the dissolution of the Naugatuck club was read, the 1996-1998 slate of officers presented, and by-law revisions were approved, raising the CJW dues to \$5.00 per member.

"Weaving Your Talents Through Juniors" was chosen by Vernon & District I clubs hosting Spring Conference, at the Sheraton Bradley in Windsor Locks. The Arts and Crafts display was a tribute to the creative talents of the membership throughout the state. Attendance on Friday was an intimate gathering of 87 Juniors who enjoyed a cozy lunch and a chance to visit with State Board members as well as other clubs. Attendance on Saturday was 284. The guest speaker was Regina Barecca, an author and UCONN professor who was very funny and insightful on many topics pertaining to women. The by-law revision was completed and the vote taken on the new State Project. Special Wishes was selected for the second time.

63 Junior clubs (Meriden - inactive and 11 Juniorette clubs) with 2,085 volunteers combined their efforts to donate a total of \$565,500.08, for a total two year effort of \$1,045,953.97. Special Awards were presented: Janet Knaus Membership Award - *Monroe*; Larina Pettis Juniorette Gavel for Membership, tie - *Newington & Tolland Junioresettes*; Angela B. Hamilton Leadership Pitcher - *Monroe*; Sara Stevens Leadership Pitcher - *Tolland Junioresettes*; Mental Health Bell - *South Windsor*; Veteran's Key - *West Haven*; Arts Alive - *Simsbury & the Joyce King State Project Tray - Monroe*. The Maureen Borski Scholarships of \$1600 were given to 7 recipients. Marie Bates Scholarships of \$420 to 5 recipients, & 5 Juniorette Camperships of \$350.

Officers for the 1996-1998 administration: Director, Patricia Tarasovic, Oxford; Assistant Director, Gloria Clair, Wolcott; Recording Secretary, Pat Doughty, Plainville; Corresponding Secretary, Loretta Chory, Trumbull; Treasurer, Donna DeDecko, East Hartford; and Assistant Treasurer, Evelyn Magera, Oxford were installed by Winifred Mann, Pat Tarasovic's mother, with the assistance of Jeanne Boulay, Sue Ponton and Carole Eager. The Director's theme was "*Juniors are a BEACON OF LIGHT shining through in commitment and service.*"

June Workshops were held in South Windsor. A total of 106 Juniors attended six different workshops. The goal for our State Project - Special Wishes was to raise \$70,000, which would grant a total of 35 wishes to children with threatening diseases. The Director thanked the clubs for sharing their members with the CJW Bd.

The September Executive Board Meeting was hosted by Watertown and more in depth material and information was presented on "Special Wishes". Blue Books were handed out. A total of 108 were present.

Fall Conference was hosted by District 9 at the Groton Motor Inn, with a theme of "Down by the Sea". There were 191 in attendance. Seven clubs and two Juniorette Clubs were presented with

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Anniversary Trays. A final check was presented to the UCONN Craniofacial Team, Dr. and Mrs. Poole. Total donation for this project was \$91,124.53, which included a \$25,000 annuity.

**1997** The annual Presidents dinner was held at The Ramada Inn in Meriden. It was announced that our new company was Colchester Insurance. The CJW Board warmly welcomed many club presidents and officers.

Shoreline Community Women hosted March Executive Board. In attendance were 54 Juniors and board members. Bears and checks were presented to Special Wishes. A brief meeting of the CJW Board followed at which time rules for judging and club classifications were given out.

The theme for Spring Conference was "A Juniors flame is the guiding light of leadership, friendship and encouragement. Juniors are a beacon - shining through in commitment and service". Pat Doughty, Plainville and Bonnie-Marie St. Amand, Bristol co-chaired the conference, held at the Radisson Inn in Bristol. (They were a mother/daughter team). Friday's meeting was held in the evening. Attendance was 159. The All-star Chorus from Memorial Middle School provided the entertainment. Following the close of the meeting a "door decorating" contest was held with the Directors theme the focus of the decorating.

At Saturday's meeting of Spring Conference it was announced that CJW had a web page "www.cjw.org." Attendance was 277. Entertainment by a barbershop quartet from Providence, R.I. A total of 62 Junior clubs and 11 Juniorette clubs representing 1800 Juniors and 128 Juniorettes donated countless hours to make a difference in their communities as well as donating a total of \$329,907.02. The following special awards were presented: Janet Knaus Membership - *Rocky Hill*; Larina Pettis Juniorette Gavel *Tolland Juniorettes*; Angela B. Hamilton Leadership - *Monroe*; Sara Stevens Leadership - *Trumbull Young Woman*; Mental Health Bell - *Windham Area*; Veteran's Key - *West Haven*; Arts Alive - *Newtown & the Joyce King State Project Tray - Enfield*. The Outstanding Club awards to: *Trumbull Young Woman - Juniorettes*; *Waterford -Class I*; *Wolcott -Class II & Monroe -Class III*.

The Maureen Borski Scholarships totaled \$1,700 and were awarded to six recipients. The Marie Bates Scholarships totaled \$575.00 and were awarded to four recipients and the Juniorette Camperships were \$200 and divided among four Juniorettes.

District 2 hosted June Workshops in Glastonbury. In response to clubs not able to attend all of the workshops a new format was offered. One workshop session included a President's Rap, Membership and Treasurer session and the second session offered Leadership, Ways & Means and State Project. There were 86 members and 22 Board members in attendance.

The September Board meeting was hosted by Enfield at Enfield High School. Workshops were held for the following: Conservation, Education, Health, Homelife, International Affairs, Juniorettes, Junior Bulletin, Public Affairs, Public Relations, and Report Writing. Eighty-two Juniors attended along with 3 Juniorettes and 25 Board members. The CJW budget was presented and approved.

Fall Conference was held in Litchfield, "Relaxing in the Litchfield Hills" was the theme, with Litchfield hosting. A total of 156 people were in attendance. Ten essays were written by Juniors in response to the Director's contest were read and truly enjoyed by everyone. The speaker was a Special Wishes mother who showed slides of their Special Wishes trip. A Governor's Proclamation was read to celebrate CJW week.

**1998** The Annual Board dinner was held at the Ramada Inn in Meriden. It was announced that Westville Juniors had resigned. A recruitment message was given for members to join the CJW Board.

The March Board meeting was hosted by Shoreline Community Women. Simsbury made a presentation for the 1998-2000 State Project - The Roaring Brook Nature Center. The report of the nomination committee was received. Most of the offices were single slated with the exception of Asst. Director which had three people on the ballot. This was the result of two members being nominated from the floor. The voting will be by written ballots at Spring Conference. District Reps were instructed to give out bios of the candidates for Asst. Director so clubs could review the information before the vote. . It was announced that we had surpassed our State Project goal of \$70,000 and realized a total of \$82,575.00.

"A Beary Special Day in District V" was the theme for Spring Conference held at the Four Points Hotel in Waterbury. Because it was an installation year Friday's meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. A total of 87 Juniors attended. Club anniversary gifts and 100% attendance awards were presented to club Presidents. Due to time restraints District Reps were encouraged to present their thank you gifts to club presidents at a district meeting. This was in response to input received from clubs to streamline the meeting. CJW listened and it was well received and did in fact help to keep the meeting on a good time track. Clubs donated a total of \$491,941.88 in monetary and other donations during 1997-1998. 1776 Juniors and 92 Juniorettes were in attendance. There were 62 clubs. Special Awards were presented: Janet Knaus Membership - *Simsbury*; Larina Pettis Juniorette Gavel for Membership - *Tolland*; Angela B. Hamilton Leadership - *Monroe*; The Sara Stevens Juniorette Leadership Pitcher - *Trumbull Young Woman*; Mental

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Health Bell - *Newtown*; Veteran's Key - *West Haven*; Arts Alive - *South Windsor* & the Joyce King State Project - *Monroe*. The Outstanding club awards to: *Trumbull Young Woman* - Junioresettes; *Shoreline Community* - Class I; *Monroe* - Class II & *Trumbull* - Class III. The Maureen Borski Scholarships totaled \$1,600 and were awarded to 7 recipients. The Marie Bates Scholarship totaled \$375 and was awarded to 4 recipients. CIP awards went to 5 clubs: 1st place \$300 - *Mystic*; 2nd place \$225 - *Watertown*; 3rd place \$225 - *Wolcott*; 4th place \$225 - *Simsbury*; & 5th place \$225 - *Enfield*.

Officers for the 1998-2000 administration were installed by Jeanne Boulay, Past CJW Director; Doris Tolemi & Pat Najarian - *Wolcott Juniors* & Past CJW Board members: Director - Gloria Clair, *Wolcott*; Asst. Director - Diane Maxellon, *Enfield*; Recording Secretary - Evelyn Magera, *Oxford*; Corresponding Secretary - Teena Bruneau, *Wolcott*; Treasurer - Loretta Chory, *Trumbull* & Asst. Treasurer - Sheree Rinaldi, *Watertown*. The director's theme selected was *"Juniors are a patchwork of friends, joined by a common thread."*

June workshop was hosted by Orange Community Women at the High Plains Community Center. September Board was hosted by *Simsbury* at *Simsbury High School* and featured a "volunteer fair". This was the official beginning of the new State Project – *Roaring Brook Nature Center*. Fall Conference '98 was hosted by *Woodbury Juniors* and held at the *Southbury Hilton*. The theme was "LET THE JUNIOR SPIRIT KEEP YOU WARM". Patty Rowland, a former member of *Woodbury Juniors* and the First Lady of Connecticut was a guest speaker. Patty was presented with a CJW pin and bag in recognition of being chosen an honorary member of CJW. This conference marked 20 years since CJW separated from the federation. The first CJW Director after this separation, Maureen Borski, spoke on the history of CJW. Hats, mittens and scarves were collected and donated to the homeless shelters across the state. The annual CJW Christmas party was held at the home of Jeanne Boulay in *Plantsville*.

**1999** The annual President's dinner was held on January 25th, at the *Ramada Inn* in *Meriden*. The March Board meeting was hosted by *Shoreline Community Women* in *Clinton*. The April Board meeting was held at the *Craggenmore* with Juniors bringing a brown bag supper. The CJW Statewide Spelling Bee was held on April 10<sup>th</sup> in *Milford*. Spring Conference was held April 30 and May 1 in *Trumbull*. District 8 hosted Spring Conference. Anna Henry, Education Chair, sponsored a collection of school supplies for literacy centers in Connecticut. There were 242 Junior in attendance. Diane Smith of News Channel 8 was the guest speaker. She spoke on things that are "Positively Connecticut" and sold autographed copies of her book in the lobby. She was presented with a Junior bag filled with CJW items. She was made an honorary member of CJW. Diane donated a portion of the proceeds of her book sales - \$400 to the Maureen Borski Scholarship Fund.

June Workshop was held at *Rocky Hill* on June 12<sup>th</sup>. CJW September Board '99 was held on September 18 at *Simsbury High School*. Loretta Chory spoke about the 501(C)3 tax status for all clubs. A volunteer expo featuring the current State Project was held. The concept of a permanent affiliation was discussed. Fall Conference was held October 16<sup>th</sup> at the *Farmington Marriott*. *Farmington Juniors* sponsored a collection of books and other items for the *Connecticut Children's Place*. The November Board meeting was held on November 15th at the *Elks Lodge* in *Southington*. The annual CJW Board Christmas party was held Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at *Sue Van Vessem's* in *Beacon Falls*.

**2000** The CJW Board Dinner (formerly known as the President's Dinner) was held January 24<sup>th</sup> at the *Ramada Inn* in *Meriden*. March Board was hosted by *Wallingford Juniors* on March 11 at *Moran Middle School*. Spring Conference was hosted by the *Junior Woman's Club of Wolcott* May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. It was held at the *Southbury Hilton*. Loretta Chory, CJW Treasurer, spoke of CJW being re-classified to a 501(C)3 organization, and also applying for a group exemption status for all Junior Clubs. Loretta explained that by becoming a 501(c)3 status, Junior clubs are eligible to receive charitable donations and grants from businesses, individuals, and foundations on a tax-deductible basis.

Voting was held on the 2000 - 2002 State Project. The new State Project is the *Bridgeport Hospital Burn Unit*. The new slate of officers for the year 2000 - 2002 is: Director - Diane Maxellon - *Enfield*, Assistant Director - Evelyn Magera - *Oxford*, Recording Secretary - Sheree Rinaldi - *Watertown*, Corresponding Secretary - Anna Henry - *Trumbull*, Treasurer - Loretta Chory - *Trumbull*, Assistant Treasurer - Ronnie Hollis - *Harwinton*. Diane chose for her theme *"Juniors are like angels, touching lives in magical ways."*

Awards presented at Spring Conference were as follows:  
100% Participation Award presented to: *Junior Women's Club of Bristol*, *Monroe Women's Club Inc.*, *Enfield Junior Women's Club*, *Farmington Junior Women's Club*, *Glastonbury Women's Club*, *The Junior Woman's Club of Rocky Hill*, *Trumbull Junior Woman's Club*, *Junior Women's Club of Watertown*, *West Haven Junior Woman's Club*, and the *Junior Women's Club of Wolcott Inc.*

ARTS ALIVE AWARD: *Trumbull Junior Woman's Club*, VETERAN'S KEY: *Trumbull Junior Woman's Club*, MENTAL HEALTH BELL: *Woodbury Junior Woman's Club*, ANGELA B. HAMILTON LEADERSHIP

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PITCHER: Simsbury Junior Woman's Club, JANET KRAUS MEMBERSHIP TRAY: Simsbury Junior Woman's Club, JOYCE KING STATE PROJECT TRAY: Simsbury Junior Woman's Club, SARA STEVENS JUNIORETTE LEADERSHIP PITCHER: Glastonbury Juniores, LARINA PETTIS JUNIORETTE GAVEL FOR MEMBERSHIP: Glastonbury Juniores.

OUTSTANDING CLUB AWARDS: Small Club - Shoreline Community Women, Inc., Medium Club - Monroe Women's Club inc., Large Club - Trumbull Junior Woman's Club, Juniores: - Trumbull Young Woman's Club.

June Workshop was hosted by Litchfield Juniors on June 10 in Goshen. The directions featured driving by Litchfield's Gallery on the Green.

2000: CJW Executive Board at Bridgeport Hospital. Blue Books were distributed to all District Reps and their clubs. One third of all clubs have completed the steps for the 501(c)3. CJW will vote on the permanent affiliation at Fall Conference. "Recycled Art Projects" will be a new category for the Arts & Crafts competition. The new State Project is the Andrew Panettieri Burn Center and Bridgeport Hospital. This is the only burn center in the state of Connecticut. The burn center requested donations of books, toys and videos for families of burn patients visiting at the hospital.

Fall Conference was held at the Courtyard Marriott. Money was collected for the WW11 Memorial. Ballots were passed out for the long-term affiliation to replace the current State Project. CJW members chose the long-term affiliation. The speaker was Deborah DeFord, author of "The Simpler Life", an inspirational guide to living better with less. The goal for the new State Project - Andrew Panettieri Burn Center at Bridgeport Hospital is \$84,000; \$2,000 has been collected to date.

December 4, 2000: CJW Christmas Party at Eileen Hargreaves home

**2001** CJW President's Dinner/Meeting at Jacqueline's Restaurant in Plainville – all club presidents were honored and received a Certificate of Recognition. (32 club presidents attended, with a total of 99 CJW members and 2 Jrettes in attendance.) First club to register was Cheshire. The club with the most members attending was Wolcott (6). Heather Pulito introduced a new award "Mother Earth Award". This is for anything that impacts the environment. Loretta Chory announced that the 501 (c) (3) will be finalized by January. State Projects donations to date \$11,650. 700 hand massaging foam stars were donated by Ronnie Hollis to help burn victims with hand injuries. February is "Burn Awareness Month".

February CJW Executive Board. New award at Spring Conference will be the "Mother Earth Award" for the projects that has the most impact on the environment.

March Board was cancelled due to inclement weather. Clubs were contacted and told to mail all reports to department chairs.

CJW Executive Board. Newington Junior Roberta Hoffman is a patient at the Andrew Panettieri Burn Center in Bridgeport with burns over 60% of her body. There will be a CJW P.J. party on May 11th.

June Workshop in Trumbull. Diane Maxellon presented a check for \$25,000.00 to the Andrew Panettieri Burn Center in Bridgeport. Two new clubs are joining CJW: River Valley & Southbury. Welcome!

Fall Conference held at Foxwoods Resort. 185 Juniors present. Many Junior Clubs had fundraisers for the victims of Sept. 11th tragedy. River Valley, a brand new club, raised \$34,000 at their fundraiser. Southbury, another new club, raised \$4,000.00 in 20 minutes at a prayer vigil. Anna Henry's daughter and Diane Maxellon's son have both been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers are asked of everyone. Loretta Chory received an award for her work in organizing the 501(c)3 program for Juniors statewide. Diane Maxellon and Evelyn Magera inducted 2 new clubs into CJW - Southbury Juniors and River Valley which consists of Chester, Deep River and Essex. The Presidents were presented with Presidents' Pin, Gavel, and Guest Book. Voting was held on proposed CJW Bylaw and Standing Rule changes and the budget proposal for 2001-2002 accepted. Anna Henry has put Blue Book on disk cost will be \$5.00 per disk.

2002 President's Dinner at Jacqueline's Restaurant in Plainville. There will be 5 Affiliations to vote on for our Long Term Affiliation at March Board. The LTA committee will select 5 organizations to make presentations from the following eight that submitted proposals.

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| 1. American Red Cross              | 5. Hospital for Special Care |
| 2. Children's Cranio-Facial Center | 6. Paul & Lisa               |
| 3. Easter Seals                    | 7. Special Wishes            |
| 4. Habitat for Humanity            | 8. Time for Life             |

The reason behind having a Long Term Affiliation is to increase Junior awareness throughout the state. CJW has donated \$40,000.00 thus far to the Bridgeport Hospital Burn Center, our current State Project, Also, 30 Burn Bears were donated to the hospital's Burn Unit.

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At the March Board of Director's meeting five organizations made presentations in their quest to be selected as our Long Term Affiliation: American Red Cross, Easter Seals Habitat for Humanity, Special Wishes, Time For Life. The winner will be voted on at Spring Conference.

5/03/2002 - 5/04/2002 - Spring Conference held at Radisson Hotel in Enfield. There were 5 Juniorette clubs present. Juniorettes received their awards on Friday evening. Enfield Juniorettes formed their club on Sept. 30th 2001 with 26 members and were inducted at the conference.

Voting was held for the Long Term Project and "Time for Life" was chosen. As of this date there are 1750 members in Juniors and Juniorettes.

2002-2004

	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2002-2004</u>
Monetary	\$210,216.04	\$272,825.13	<b>Grand Total</b>
Scholarships	60,567.87	60,625.00	
Grants	2,370.00	20,857.00	
Solicited funds	48,184.15	38,097.59	
Other Donations	<u>172,409.10</u>	<u>186,637.98</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$493,747.16</u></b>	<b><u>579,042.70</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,072,789.86</u></b>

2002 – The new slate of officers for 2002-2004 that were inducted at Spring Conference in Enfield by former Oxford Women’s Club member - Jo Bowen and Past Director – Gloria Clair. Director - Evelyn Magera – Oxford; Assistant Director - Anna Henry – Trumbull; Treasurer - Ann Whitman - Wallingford; Recording Secretary –Heather Pulito – Glastonbury; Corresponding Secretary – Eileen Hargreaves – Enfield and Assistant Treasurer – Robin Colburn – Beacon Falls. The Director’s theme was *“Juniors are great leaders, like shining stars guiding the way.”*

The new term started off with the premium increase of 300% in the amount of \$15,000 for insurance to cover all clubs. Since the 911 tragedy the stock market spiraled down and insurance companies have dropped many non-profit organizations due to increased losses. A new long-term-affiliation administration fee of 5% from all profits for Time for Life (TFL) was added to the annual budget to help offset expenses of State Project.

Ronnie Hollis and Sheree Rinaldi, State Project co-chairs managed a collection of 120 beach bags from all clubs in less than 4 weeks after Spring Conference as a donation to TFL. Each beach bag contained age appropriate items (ranging in ages from 2-20 years old) for going to the beach.

The June Workshop was sponsored by Middlefield Juniors at Middlefield Memorial School. The director developed the “Star President of the Month” challenge. The request was to have club members submit a letter stating how and why they felt their president was so special. The attendance was 64 Juniors and 25 board members.

The official kick-off for the new long-term affiliation was held at the September Board meeting in Enfield High School and hosted by Enfield Juniors. A goal of \$35,000 was proposed to support Time for Life with the possibility of adopting a new resource center in New Haven in addition to supporting programs and services for children with cancer and their families. Marci Spellman, Executive Director of TFL was guest speaker.

Foxwoods Casino was the venue for Fall Conference 2002 with 102 members in attendance. The theme was “Catch a Falling Star” that was organized by Kim Gephart – Meeting Planner along with Lesley Allen – District 2 Representative and Debbie Dupuis – Report Writing Coordinator. Guest speaker was Trudi Lamb-Richmond, Program Manager for Education Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Resource Center. Diane Maxellon – Immediate Past Director presented Steve Jakab of the Bridgeport Hospital Burn Unit the final check for \$35,500 at a press conference held at Bridgeport Hospital for a grand total of \$85,550 in monetary donations. Two special order beds costing approximately \$33,000 each, made specifically for burn patients’ injuries was purchased with most of the money.

Each district and all Juniorette clubs were requested to donate a decorated tree or wreath with a particular theme for the “Festival of Trees” fundraiser that was held at Grant’s Restaurant in West Hartford. The trees were auctioned off at the TFL Annual Holiday Gala. In addition, Juniorettes held a collection of gifts / toys, wrapping paper and ribbon for all the TFL children and their siblings. The Juniorettes held a “Wrap and Rap” session at the TFL Resource Center. Distribution of 92 gifts by Santa was given at the annual Christmas Party at Yurechko Tree Farm in Jewett City.

2003 - The annual President’s/CJW Board dinner meeting was held at Jacqueline’s Restaurant in Plainville with 32 clubs represented. Diane Maxellon and Eileen Hargreaves were appointed as the committee chairwomen to set up criteria for the evaluation of our affiliation with TFL. A revised CJW profile

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was developed by Melissa Peeke, Co-President of Bristol Juniors and distributed at the meeting. Arts Chair, Janice Nowik presented a Patriotic Art Award to Wolcott Juniors for "What being an American means to me" and Kimberly Garvis for "September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance." Membership numbers as of February were: Junior clubs = 53, members = 1387, Juniorette clubs = 11, Juniorettes = 110 and 34 CJW board members.

March Board was held at the RHAM High School in Hebron with 61 members in attendance. Anna Henry, Assistant Director and Robin Colburn, Assistant Treasurer gave a memorial presentation in honor of Paulie Magera to Evelyn. The Paulie Magera Fund was established after his sudden death to financially assist people with special needs who could not afford some of life's necessities. An engraved memorial plaque to be placed at VARCA, a sheltered workshop where Paulie worked in Derby. Ronnie Hollis read an angel poem she wrote and presented a picture frame to hold memories of her son.

Spring Conference was held at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin. Friday night's guest speaker was Dennis Wainwright, International Student Exchange Program representative. A very informative workshop by guest speaker Blaine Athorn from the Memory Training Institute, Inc. was given on Saturday. The Rocky Hill Juniorettes were inducted as a new club. A film representing TFL events was shown by Laura Henry – Co-President of Trumbull Young Woman's Club who videotaped programs and services during the 2002-2004 term.

Outstanding Juniorette Club awards went to:

Large club = Trumbull Young Woman's Club

Small club = Wolcott Juniorettes.

The *Sarah Stevens Leadership* award was given to Tolland Juniorettes

*Larina Pettis Membership* award to Trumbull.

The *Juniorette Angel* award went to Hebron Juniorettes.

A new Juniorette award was created called the "*Nikki Bear*" to honor the club that did outstanding work for State Project. The Trumbull Young Women's club was chosen and Laura Henry brought the award home for her video service all year.

Outstanding Junior club awards were:

Small = Shoreline Community Women,

Medium = tie between Enfield Junior Women's Club and Monroe Women's Club,

Large = Simsbury Junior Woman's Club.

Special Awards:

*The Janet Knaus Membership* tray award went to Enfield Junior Woman's Club,

*Angela Hamilton Leadership* award to the Wallingford Junior Woman's Club

*Joyce King State Project* was awarded to the Simsbury Junior Woman's Club.

*Arts Alive* = Junior Woman's Club of Wolcott,

*Conservation Mother Earth Award* = Simsbury Junior Woman's Club,

*Current Affairs Veteran's Key* = Junior Woman's Club of Wolcott

*Mental Health Bell* = Durham Woman's Club.

June 2003 Workshop was changed to a weekday in the evening with 98 members in attendance.

Past Director, Pat Trask joined the ranks of the CJW Board as Leadership Chairwoman. TFL had to table the possibility of a new resource center in New Haven due to lack of state funding. A letter was sent to TFL along with a check in the amount of \$20,000 earmarking the donation towards the summer program. The finance committee proposed that Standing Rule No. 1 and 7 be changed so that the executive committee will pay for their future conference meals. The Director, Immediate Past Director and Assistant Director are exempt. This year the donated beach bags were sent to Martha's Vineyard in 33 boxes with a discounted shipping fee that was donated by Federal Express thanks to Ann Whitman, Treasurer.

The letter for the dissolution of the Waterbury Junior Women's Club was read at the August Board of Directors meeting. The CJW Treasurer sent letters to local newspapers announcing that the club is disbanding. The Mohegan Sun offered CJW the opportunity to publicize the organization at the professional women's basketball game. CJW purchased 50 tickets and sold 35 of them for a \$3 profit that was donated to TFL. The CJW banner was displayed during the game while membership applications and the new club profile was distributed to patrons attending the game. Two prospective members completed applications that were forwarded to the club nearest their home location.

The theme for Fall Conference 2003 was "The Royal Treatment" held at the Bradley Sheraton in Windsor Locks with 131 Juniors in attendance. The host clubs were Tolland Junior Women, Tolland Juniorettes, Vernon Junior Women and Vernon Juniorettes. Dave Grib and Robert Morrison, Massage Therapists were guest speakers and demonstrators. Chair massages were offered to all attendees during the social interlude with all profits going to TFL. Immediate Past Director, Diane Maxellon, formed the nominating committee. "Shining Star" appreciation certificates were distributed to all CJW members.

2004 – Marci Spellman was guest speaker at the President's Dinner in Plainville with 61 members in attendance. A vote to temporarily suspend three bylaws was presented at the meeting: one motion was to

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allow CJW members to vote on bylaw revisions at March Board instead of Spring Conference, another was to allow the nominating committee to meet in February instead of January and to be able to distribute the proposed slate of officers to the clubs 5 ½ weeks prior to the March Board meeting instead of 6 weeks. All 3 motions were passed unanimously.

Twenty-five CJW board and club members volunteered to work for a TFL fundraiser held at the Mohegan Sun casino in Uncasville. The "Sunfest" was held late January that consisted of a wine and food tasting with famous chefs cooking and serving the delectable treats.

Loretta Chory, Parliamentarian presented the bylaw revision proposals at the March Board meeting that were voted on and accepted by the membership. The proposed slate for 2004-2006 officers was announced. Anna Henry, Assistant Director and the District Representatives reviewed the clubs' locations throughout the state to determine how to modify and combine clubs into fewer districts. Anna announced at the April board meeting that 9 districts would become 6 districts for the next term.

Spring Conference was coordinated by Teena Bruneau and Robin Colburn and hosted by District 5 that was held at the Southbury Hilton entitled "Stars on Parade" on April 23 and 24, 2004. The Friday conference was dedicated to Junioresettes with 92 members in attendance. The Beacon Falls Junioresette club was inducted as a new club with a candlelight ceremony. CJW purchased engraved gavels that were contributed to the Beacon Falls, Enfield and Rocky Hill Junioresette clubs.

Outstanding Junioresette Club awards went to:

Large club = Trumbull Young Woman's Club

Small club = Wolcott Junioresettes. T

*Sarah Stevens Leadership* award was given to Tolland Junioresettes

*Larina Pettis Membership* award to Trumbull.

The *Junioresette Angel* award went to Tolland Junioresettes

State Project *Nikki Bear* was presented to the Trumbull Young Woman's Club.

The theme for the roast was "Evelyn's LIFE as Director", based on Milton Bradley's game of LIFE. Guest speaker for Saturday's meeting was Susan Myers, TFL Board member who was presented **a check for \$15,000**. Group forums were held Saturday morning to discuss ideas of what would interest clubs at CJW meetings. A committee of past directors will review the completed surveys and comments during the next term.

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Medium = Monroe Women's Club,

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*Arts Alive* = Simsbury Junior Woman's Club,

*Conservation Mother Earth Award* = Trumbull Junior Woman's Club,

*Current Affairs Veteran's Key* = West Haven Junior Woman's Club

*Mental Health Bell* = Orange Community Women.

Officers for the 2004-2006 administration was installed by Laura Henry as follows:

Director, Anna Henry – Trumbull; Assistant Director, Sheree Rinaldi – Watertown; Treasurer, Eileen Hargreaves – Enfield; Recording Secretary, Ann Whitman – Wallingford; Corresponding Secretary, Julie Risko – Monroe and Assistant Treasurer, Heather Pulito- Glastonbury. The director's theme for 2004-2006 is "*Like a butterfly's metamorphous, Connecticut Juniors is a life changing experience.*"