

WOMEN'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION CLUB, INC.

1933 -2008

WOMEN'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION CLUB WAS FOUNDED ON MAY 26,1933. IT WAS "SAID" THAT WOMEN WERE NOT ALLOWED IN THE MEN'S CLUB, SO THRU THE EFFORTS OF MATILDA BRUNDICK, "MISS" EDIE BELL AND NELLIE CATHCART THE CLUB WAS INCORPORATED IN APRIL 1940. THE PURPOSE OF OUR CLUB WAS:

- A. TO UNITE WOMEN ENGAGED EXCLUSIVELY OR PARTIALLY IN TRAFFIC DUTIES OF THE VARIOUS COMMERCIAL AND TRANSPORTATION INTERESTS OF BALTIMORE AND VICINITY IN A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION.
- B. TO ESTABLISH A MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SHIPPERS AND CARRIERS.
- C. TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF ALL TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS.

OUR FIRST PRESIDENT WAS MATILDA BRUNDICK WHO HAD 6 OFFICERS ON HER BOARD, PRESIDENT, 1ST VP - MEMBERSHIP, 2ndVP -PROGRAMS, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY WHO RECEIVED AND READ ALL CORRESPONDENCE AT THE MEETINGS AND ANSWERED SAME, RECORDING SECRETARY - MINUTES AND THE TREASURER.

WE MET EACH SECOND WEDNESDAY AT HOTEL LONGFELLOW ON CHARLES AND MADISON. IN 1950 IT BECAME THE PARK PLAZA. DINNER MEETINGS WERE \$8.00. AS COSTS INCREASED, WE MOVED TO THE BELVEDERE HOTEL - DINNER MEETINGS WERE \$10.00 DRESS CODE AT THAT TIME WAS HAT AND GLOVES. AFTER MOVING TO VARIOUS RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS WE SETTLED AT THE Le FONTAIN BLEU ON ERDMAN AVENUE. DINNER MEETINGS WERE \$12.50. WHEN COSTS WERE AGAIN INCREASED, WE MOVED AND DID RESTAURANTS, EAST AND WEST, SETTling AT THE ROSE. WE WERE AT THE TIME - NOMADS.

IN 1959, THERE WAS A CONFERENCE IN BALTIMORE OF ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC CLUBS OF AMERICA WHICH LATER BECAME TRAFFIC CLUBS INTERNATIONAL (TCI) COMPOSED OF CLUBS FROM U.S., CANADA AND MEXICO. SARA SEAMER OF NEW YORK ORGANIZED THE EASTERN STATES WOMENS TRAFFIC CLUB (ESWTC) IN 1959 BECAUSE OF MALE DOMINANCE IN T C I. 20 WOMEN'S CLUBS EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI BECAME MEMBERS, WE BEING ONE. THIS GREW TO 26 CLUBS, BUT AT THE PRESENT TIME IT IS COMPOSED OF 3 CLUBS, BALTIMORE, PITTSBURGH, HAMPTON ROADS AND 6 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. WE WOULD MEET AT AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE HOSTED BY A BIDDING CLUB. WE HOSTED 1970 1980 1991 AND 2000.

WE WERE PART OF SEVERAL OTHER GROUPS: THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB - WHO DRESSED HUNDRED OF BABY DOLLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY EACH CHRISTMAS; TRI-STATES - FORMED IN 1969, COMPOSED OF THE CLUBS FROM MARYLAND, PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY. WHEN NEW JERSEY DISBANDED, VIRGINIA WAS INVITED TO JOIN. NONE OF THESE GROUPS EXIST AT THE PRESENT TIME.

MEMBERSHIP:

MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CLUB SHALL BE EXTENDED TO WOMEN EMPLOYED IN THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICAION FIELDS AND IN TRAFFIC DUTIES OF THE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS OF BALTIMORE AND VICINITY.

1970-1971 - GLORIA WEBER PRESIDENT - 140 MEMBERS

1980-1981 - LUCY HALKIAS PRESIDENT - 161 MEMBERS

1984-1985 - LISA HUBBARD PRESIDENT - 109 MEMBERS

1992-1993 - KAY JACOBS PRESIDENT - 84 MEMBERS

2006-2007 - MICHELLE DORSEY PRESIDENT - 73 MEMBERS

ALL PRESIDENTS FROM 1933 THRU 1960 ARE DECEASED.

IN THE BEGINNING YEARS OF THE CLUB, MOST MEMBERS WORKED FOR RAILROADS, TRUCKING COMPANIES OR OWNED THEIR OWN BUSINESS.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

IN 1984 - THE CLUB AWARDED SMALL SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO SUBMITTED POSTERS / ESSAYS ON TRANSPORTATION.

IN 2000 - A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED BY JOAN BUEDEL, NORA BARKER AND GLORIA WEBER. JOAN IS THE PERPETUAL "FINANCE ADVISOR" OF THIS PROGRAM. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED TO TRANSPORTATION STUDENTS WHO MUST MEET A PROPOSED CRITERIA.

FUND RAISING:

IN 1940 1950 1960 BINGOS AT THE ALCAZAR BALLROOM WITH A SOLD OUT CROWD WITH GROCERIES AS PRIZES.

IN 1971 - FIRST FASHION SHOW

IN 1976 - FIRST BULL ROAST

IN 1985 - FIRST SHRIMP FEASTS

WE CONTINUE TODAY WITH SHRIMP FEASTS

WE HAD SOME FIRSTS:

IN 1969 - VIRGINIA YOUNG AND GLORIA WEBER WERE INVITED TO WITNESS THE MEN'S TRAFFIC CLUB MONTHLY DEBATES HELD AT THE LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL. BELIEVE WE BROKE THE "MEN ONLY" BARRICADE. WE WERE NEVER INVITED BACK.

FIRST IN OUR CLUB - PRESIDENT OF ESWTC 1985-1986 - GLORIA WEBER

FIRST IN OUR CLUB - WOMAN OF THE YEAR 1979 - VIRGINIA YOUNG

TRADITIONS:

IRMA BOCK - BUS TRIPS TO ATLANTIC EACH YEAR FOR THE MISS AMERICA PAGEANT.

ORCHIDS ON MOTHER'S NIGHT - BLANCHE ROGERS "IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER" STARTED TO GIVE ORCHIDS TO EACH MOTHER ATTENDING WITH A MEMBER. DOROTHY GERBER CONTINUED THAT PRACTICE.

CLUB BOARD DISCONTINUED.

CLUB TALENT ENTERTAINMENT AND SHOWS SANTA AT THE CHRISTMAS MEETING

DRESSING DOLLS FOR NEEDY GIRLS SPONSORED BY THE SALVATION ARMY AT CHRISTMAS.

WE HAVE SPONSORED BINGOS, BUS TRIPS, FASHION SHOWS, BULL ROASTS AND SHRIMP FEASTS. WE HAVE REMAINED AS EVER A GENEROUS AND GIVING CLUB.

THE FACT THAT WE HAVE REMAINED INDEPENDENT AND SUPPORTIVE OF EACH OTHER MAKES THIS CLUB STRONG AND IT WORKS.

WE WILL ALWAYS BE THE "W.T.&T.C. INC. OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.