

Jolly Girls Club

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In the early 1950's a group of "stay at home" Moms decided to start a club of sorts. They would meet every two weeks at different homes to visit and do any work the hostess had for them, such as mending, ironing, quilting, etc. If the hostess for that day wanted an all day meeting, it was potluck. Dues were 10 cents each meeting. They met only during school sessions. On the last meeting of the year the dues were used for all to go out and eat. That was only ladies day—no kids. To go out and eat and shop or whatever, was a treat in those years.

Some of the early members were Kate Keen, Mable Olden, Hazel Geiler, Ginger Lemay, Marge Correll, as years went by others were added, Maxine Robb, Marie Elston, Mary Reese, Ruby Donoho, Betty Wagoner, Velma Wilkinson, Lily Mangner, Jean Gray, Marge Boyd, Retha Allen, Ruth (Robb) Smith. Some were only members a short time, but others stayed until the end.

There were always Halloween parties where children were left at home. Everyone went all out to dress so no one could guess who they were. (You see another side of people when they are in costume.) Those parties were hilarious.

I moved away in 1962 so this is all I know about the group.