

February 27, 1984

Dear Karen and Sisters in Chapter BL,

The second and last year of my presidency is drawing to a close, so now I must chronicle the events of 1983 and what made it what it was!

At the state convention at Lakeland College in June, Chapter BL was officially recognized as a Golden Anniversary Chapter. Every member worked hard toward that achievement and we are proud to have done our part for the Cottey College endowment. This year we have continued our contribution with \$300 to P.E.O. Projects and \$400 to Cathy Wilson, our Chapter Continuing Education scholarship recipient.

In February, June, and July, the chapter changed their time format and met at 5:30 for twilight suppers preceding the meeting. This was part of an effort to increase attendance by accommodating both afternoon and evening members. The experiment was successful in terms of attendance and they were fun meetings. At the July supper we honored Bess Weber for her 92nd birthday and also her 50 years of membership in P.E.O. Audrey Dybdahl's daughter, Ellen, was our guest for supper and honored as a bride-to-be. In May we had another bride-to-be with us as a guest, Sally Schaeffer, daughter of Jean.

On June 15th, we were saddened by the death of Jan Costello. At the time of her death, Jan was corresponding secretary of Chapter BL and had been a faithful member for many years. Jan was the daughter of Bess Weber and the sister of Fran Kingery. A contribution to the Wisconsin Cottey Scholarship Fund was made by members of Chapter BL in memory of Jan.

Social gatherings during the summer were a BIL dinner party at Blackhawk Country Club for 46, and two golf outings at the Pleasant View par-three course followed by dutch treat luncheons.


In September the ways and means committee kicked off the year with a "Beans in Madison" dinner serving their ten-bean soup. It was their introduction to the year's money making project. The committee and "friends" have packaged the beans in colorful calico bags and sold them to members and friends. The project has been so successful that the chapter has decided to continue packaging and selling the soup. So, the ten-bean soup joins the bridge marathon, book exchange group and Sears shopping as profitable money makers. The total receipts from ways and means has been \$1,033.74.

This year we had added four new members. On September 28, we initiated Carla Thomas, daughter of Jeannette, Susan Batt, daughter of Dorothy, and Else Lawrence, Trudy Bangsberg's sister. And on December 16, we initiated Ann Hedlin, daughter of a former member, Joanne. Ann's grandmother, Ann Bridston, Chapter T, Grand Forks, N.D. was present also. We now have 54 resident members and seven non-resident members. In March, we granted a dimit to Gayle Wilson, one of our non-resident members, to Chapter DH, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Our average chapter attendance is 27.

Chapter BL continues to actively participate on the Madison Reciprocity Board. Cathy Barker served as president this past year. Their activities culminated with a Valentine Brunch for members, unaffiliates, and guests at Nakoma Country Club on Saturday, February 11.

These then are the highlights of the things that were! Being president of Chapter BL has been a delightful and rewarding experience. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve!

Lovingly in P.E.O.

  
Helen Sivertson