

It gives me the warmest feeling	Although I cannot see you,	As I sit here with my mending
As I look across the lawn	I know that you are there;	I'm no longer feeling blue
In the dusk of evening,	Perhaps behind your paper	And I wonder if my window
And see your lights come on	In your favorite chair.	Ever does the same for you?

This is the poem found on page one of the Friendly Club Booklet from 1977-78. It is entitled *Neighbors*, the author is unknown.

In Sept. of 1957, 50 years ago, my husband Ed and I moved onto Scott Drive in Ivanhoe subdivision.. Our son Lee was starting third grade and son Douglas kindergarten. From neighbors I heard about the Friendly Club and decided to join. It was a great way to get to know neighbors in both the Flower Pot and Ivanhoe, and meet the mothers of our childrens' classmates. We met at 1:00 o'clock the second Thursday of each month in member's homes, and finished by three in order to be home when our children came back from school. Baby sitting was provided. Our annual dues were two dollars. Each year we held a Valentine's Day dinner for our spouses, and in May, a luncheon for members. My booklet for 1977-78 shows there were 63 members. Our purpose as stated was "to promote friendship in the neighborhoods of the Flowerpot and the Ivanhoe subdivisions". Hostesses were to provide the meeting place, beverages and conduct the meetings; the co-hostesses were to provide cookies and help serve.

One year we published a cookbook of member's recipes. I recently duplicated it from Betty Gordon's copy. Good eating and good memories, a capsule of the era with the use of canned soups and jello.

There were three spin off groups: *sit and sew*; *square dancing*; and *bridge*. The square dancing group met through the 60's, usually with four or five circles. Our venues were Red Cedar School; East Lansing Savings and Loan basement; the Esmay's basement; the Grange; and Forest View School. George Bubolz was a frequent caller. The bridge club endured until about ten years ago playing twice a month in member's home. Over the years our three tables gradually dwindled to one. It was good bridge, but always with time for conversation.

When I worked the 1960 election, a poll worker from another area of the city was amazed at the number of voters I knew. A direct result of my membership in the Friendly Club.

Now when we walk through the neighborhoods, I look at the houses of so many old friends, fondly remembering them from over these last 50 years. I am grateful to the Hicks ladies, past and present, for their devotion to this friendly club.

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FRIENDLY CLUB

Founded 1926

by
Zoe, Izilla, and
Hazel Hicks

Purpose: To promote friendship
in the neighborhood of the "Flower
Pot" and the "Ivanhoe" subdivisions.

Dues: \$2.00 payable at the fall
meetings

Officers:

Secretaries: Sue Holmes and
Jackie Drake

Treasurer: Sherry Hicks

Meetings:

Formal meetings of the Friendly
Club are regularly held at 1:00
p.m. on the second Thursday of
the month, except for the Valentino
Dinner and the May Luncheon.

Hostesses provide the meeting
place and beverages, and they
conduct the meeting. The co-host-
esses provide coolies and helpserve.

Please note the babysitting
arrangements in the calendar which
follows.

Schedule of Meetings

1977-78

Club Property: The Friendly Club owns an 84-cup perculator and 12 folding chairs, which are available to any member for meetings or private parties. To borrow these items, contact Eva Richardson, 332-3772.

Membership Information: Report any illnesses, births, congratulations, deaths, or other significant events involving members or neighbors to one of the secretaries and/or the hostess of the next meeting for a remembrance from the club.

October 13th: 941 Lilac

Hostess: Katie Kerr
Co-hostesses: Shirley Bosch and
Vivian Najjar
Babysitting at Marcia Eulenberg's
1250 Daisy

November 10th: 1062 Lilac

Hostess: Nancy Elliott
Co-hostesses: Reade Dornan and
Marilyn Filonow
Babysitting at Nancy Elliott's