

2024 - 2025 Yearbook

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*



Our Purpose

as Found in the Presbyterian
Women Symbol

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ,

Forgiven and free by grace through faith, the central figure stands in praise.

and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

Rooted in faith, the trio of women emerges. The outline of the central figure forms a cross. We are Presbyterian women engrafted in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,

The right figure holds a book to guide her reading, studying, praying or meditating.

to support the mission of the church worldwide,

The left figure reaches out to care for others as she shares, nurtures and heals. The circle represents the church worldwide where women offer their gifts and talents in the midst of the global community.

to work for justice and peace,

The uplifted arms of the central figure reach out to embrace a just peace. The relationship between the three figures depicts lives of wholeness rather than turmoil.

and to build an inclusive, caring, community of women

The three women have no distinct features. They represent all women. The shapes surrounding them express energy, strength and openness.

that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.)

Our name, Presbyterian Women, ties us to our denomination. The Bible resembles the Bible depicted in the PC(USA) Seal.

and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Guided by the Purpose, Presbyterian Women witnesses to the reality of God's present realm.



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All women of the church are considered members of Presbyterian Women and are cordially invited to participate in any or all of our activities.

Activities & Groups

Listed are numerous ways for women to grow in their faith and friendships. Additional seminars, retreats and women's programs will be posted on the **Presbyterian Women's Bulletin Board** across from the Welcome Center as they become current.



MISSION ACTIVITIES

If there are mission activities you will find Presbyterian Women!

Local/Regional Mission

- **Detroit Hunger Mission** – delivery of our all-church monthly food collection, twice yearly, to the Presbytery of Detroit, 17575 Hubbell and McNichols. Hunger Action Coordinator, Unah Matu-Ngare, also runs the special “Cereal for Summer” campaign which provides food for kids who rely on subsidized breakfasts and lunches during the school year.
- **Friends Indeed Circles program, Ypsilanti** – financial and volunteers serving Tuesday PM dinners for participants that offer a “hand-up” and for those working to improve their lives.

- **House By the Side of the Road** – financial and gently used donations of clothing and household items for FREE distribution to clients. This is a total volunteer run organization working with referrals from other agencies.
- **S.O.S. (Students Offering Support) Community Services, 101 S. Huron St, Ypsilanti** – Twice yearly delivery of food to this strong community service which operates one of the largest, most active food pantries in Washtenaw County. It is dedicated to preventing and ending family homelessness.
- **Memorial Receptions-** when requested

KNIT NIGHT (Crocheters are welcome, too!)

Prue Heikkinen - 734-709-2547, prueannarbor@gmail.com

All knitters and hand crafters are welcome, experienced or inexperienced. New knitters are welcome to come and learn from experienced group members using simple patterns. Meetings are held the second Friday of the month, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m., September - June at Prue's home. The group makes and donates shawls and baby blankets for church members and prayer shawls for the 8th grade confirmation class. Knitters have the option to deliver shawls in person and visit with a church member.

Global Mission

- **Jeff and Christi Boyd** – PCUSA mission co-workers based in the Democratic Republic of Congo serving as Regional Liaison (Jeff) and Regional Facilitator for Women's and Children's Interests (Christi). PW provides financial support for their programs with women and children.
- **Youth Works, Savannah GA** – Financial and prayer support for our Youth's Mission trip in June 2024.
- **Frontera de Cristo-** Border immigration mission in Agua Prieta, Mexico led by PCUSA mission co-workers Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar partnering with Jacabed Gallegos of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico. They work together to coordinate health, family counseling, the New Hope Community Center, mission education and the Just Trade Center. PW contributes financially and prayerfully.

BIBLE STUDIES & READING GROUPS

William Barclay Commentary Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Vance Room

Meg Brown - 734-623-4323, Imegbrown@gmail.com

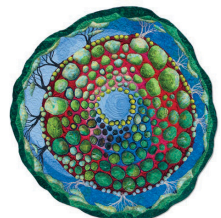
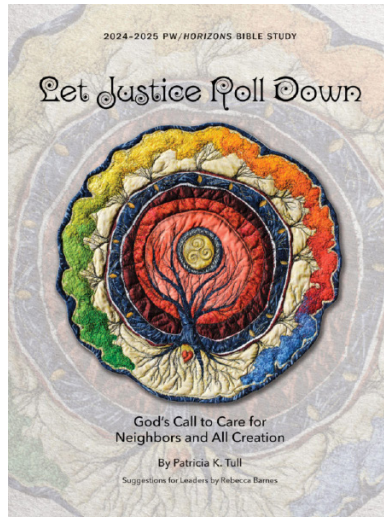
Did you know that the Gospel of Luke is the only New Testament writer who was not a Jew? It is also the only one written by a professional man... a medical doctor. This amazing book will be the focus of our study this year. We meet every Wednesday September through May with a holiday break starting November 20. Class resumes January 8. Purchase a study guide by contacting Meg Brown at 734-604-6038. Large print editions of the study book are available. All are welcome to attend!.

Spiritual Writing

First Thursday of the Month, 10:30 a.m. - Noon, Vance Room

Meg Brown - 734-623-4323, Imegbrown@gmail.com

Join us once a month around the table in the Vance Room to write, create, share and discuss. A one-word prompt from our leader gets us started. For the next 45 minutes, we write however we are comfortable ... on a computer or on paper in silence while creativity abounds. The second 45 minutes is a time of joyful and sincere sharing of our creations with both discussion and comments. We meet from September to May.



HORIZONS Bible Study

Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation

Second Thursday of each Month

Study Books available - \$10

10:00 Coffee in Founders Room

10:30 Curtis Room and Via Zoom

Date	Bible Study 10:00 - 11:30 Curtis Rm	Bible Study Leader	PW Announcements 11:30 - 11:45 Lewis Rm
Sept. 12, 2024	LESSON 1 Environmental Justice	Peggy Hodgson	Ingathering for HOUSE Promoted Food Delivery to DHP
Oct. 10, 2024	LESSON 2 Land Justice	Jane Bartman	Ingathering Donations Collected Thank Offering Promoted
Nov. 7, 2024	LESSON 3 Food Justice	Alice Holderby	Conclude Ingathering Donations Thank Offering Collected
Dec. 12, 2024	LESSON 4 Water Justice	Mary Engelhardt	Final InGathering Delivery
Jan. 9, 2025	LESSON 5 Air Quality	Angie Miller	Least Coin Promoted
Feb. 13, 2025	LESSON 6 Climate Change	Pam Ehrhart	Mission Support Letter Food Delivery to SOS
Mar. 13, 2025	LESSON 7 Economic Climate Justice	Pat Price	Birthday Offering Promoted Lifetime members selected
April 10, 2025	LESSON 8 Intergenerational Justice	Lois Bryant	Birthday Offering Collected Election of Officers
May 8, 2025	LESSON 9 Sustaining Creation's Health for All	Barb DeLancey	11:30 a.m. - Noon 2023 Annual Meeting, Scholarship Awards, Honorary Life Memberships, Installation of Officers

Presbyterian Women Celebration Giving

Since the Presbyterian Women are not a part of the church budget, funding comes as “second-mile giving” from the generosity of individual pledges and bequests, as well as donations from hosting memorial receptions. These financial gifts fulfill our \$4,250 yearly pledge to Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Detroit – 95% is forwarded on to the Presbytery of Detroit, to the Synod of the Covenant, and to PW in the PC(USA) for their missions. The Mission Pledge supports and funds every mission and ministry of PW.

Ingathering of Gifts

First Presbyterian PW partners with other churches and nonprofit agencies to provide specific items from baby diapers to adult needs. This past year we chose to “Ingather” new underwear for of all sizes for our local House By the Side of the Road. PW responded and delivered over \$550 value of clothing, gift cards, and money. This year we plan to also “Ingather” for our local House By the Side of the Road again, expanding our collection to underwear and pajamas for women and children from September through November. Monetary donations are also welcome.

The Birthday Offering

Since 1922, the Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering has helped fund mission projects that improve lives around the world and here at home. Since its inception, the PW offering have contributed more than \$36 million to different projects. The 2024 recipients are: Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills in Marthasville, Missouri and Shawnee Presbyterian Church’s Café Ginkgo in Louisville, Kentucky. Learn more about the Birthday Offering and its recipients at www.presbyterianwomen.org. All funds collected for the Birthday Offering are sent directly to PW of the PC(USA).

The Thank Offering

Since 1888, Presbyterian women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God’s blessing by sharing their blessing with those in need at home and around the world. This year, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee



of Presbyterian Women granted 8 requests for funding. Six of the projects serve people in the United States and two are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries. All funds collected for the Thank offering are sent directly to PW-PC(USA).

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global, ecumenical prayer movement. This movement links prayer and “least coins” in a very significant way, as the least coin of each participant becomes a symbol of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Coins offered from around the world signal our oneness in our common quest for peace, justice and reconciliation. The offering of least coins is used for grants to special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, relief and awareness-building among women throughout the world.

Begun in 1956 by Shanti Solomon of India the importance of this prayer and least coin movement is just as relevant now as it was 64 years ago. Least Coin is collected at each PW meeting. All funds collected at First Pres for the Fellowship of the Least Coin are sent directly to PW - PC(USA).

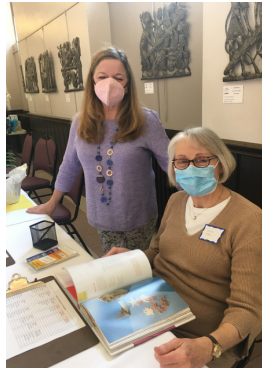
FSIL Haiti School of Nursing

The Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de l'Université Episcopale d'Haiti (Faculty of Nursing Science of the Episcopal University of Haiti or FSIL) is the first four-year baccalaureate school of nursing in Haiti. Our own Dr. Ruth Barnard was instrumental in organizing this nursing school. FSIL opened in 2005 with the first graduation in 2009. As of 2022, thirteen classes have graduated, totaling 250 BSN's and 16 FNP's, and 13 joint FNP/Family Midwifery graduates, many of whom remain in Haiti. PW continues to support FSIL through the Haiti Foundation, Ann Arbor, in honor of Ruth and her extraordinary vision and work.

Christian Ministry Scholarships

Funds from Presbyterian Women participants and endowed gifts provide scholarships to those interested in educational opportunities in Christian Ministry. PW defines Christian Ministry as service to God and his people that improves or enhances the ability to spread Christian faith to others. Scholarships are available for any First Pres participant, member, staff or pastor who seeks to increase their knowledge and skills in religious studies. In addition to traditional applications, funding may be used (if approved) for conferences, seminars, camp, formals studies or other activities or events. Scholarship applications are accepted throughout the year. Contact Meg Brown for more information. Applications can be found at www.firstpresbyterian.org/file/pw-scholarship-form





Presbyterian Women Resources

PW Bulletin Board (Across from the Welcome Center)

Check out the bulletin board often as information on women's groups and opportunities changes almost monthly.

Presbyterian Women - PC (USA)

Check out www.presbyterianwomen.org You will find great resources in nurturing faith, supporting missions, working for justice and peace, building communities, developing leaders and a great PW shopping site.

Horizons

Horizons magazine provides information, inspiration and education from the perspectives of women who are committed to Christ, the church and faithful discipleship. *Horizons* brings current issues dealing with family life, the mission of the church and the challenges of culture and society to its readers. Interviews, feature articles, Bible study resources and departments offer help and insight for up-to-date, day-to-day concerns of the church and individual Christians.

Sign up to receive a digital or print copy of *Horizons* by visiting presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe. If you subscribe before June 1, a copy of the Bible study book is included.

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Honorary Life Membership Award of Presbyterian Women U.S.A.

By Presbyterian Women,
First Presbyterian Church,
Ann Arbor



The Honorary Life Membership pin encompasses all facets of the program of Presbyterian Women.

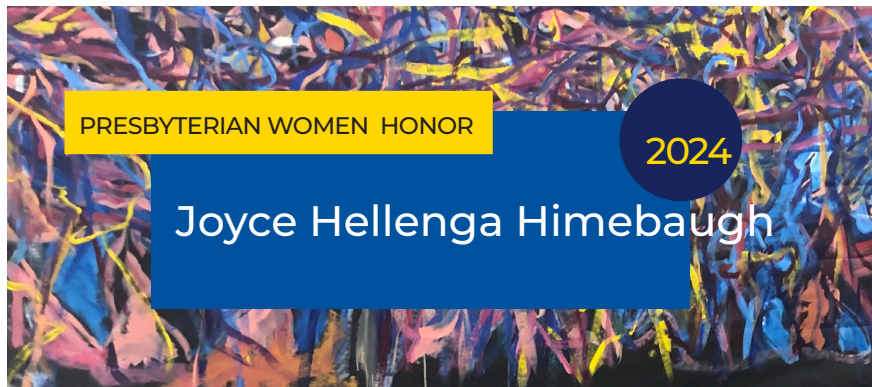
The caring supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women.

The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith.

The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown by the globe.

At the center of the design is the cross, though which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ, who is at the center of our lives.

The overall design is that of a butterfly, the symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation, Presbyterian Women.



Joyce Hellenga Himebaugh

I am truly humbled and honored to receive the Honorary Lifetime PW Membership Award. I attribute (blame) past recipient, Katie Beery, for persistently inviting me to become involved through PW Missions. It is a blessing to have the support and wisdom of so many truly faithful women. I am really looking forward to our next Horizon's Bible Study in September, "Let Justice Roll Down- God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation." Taking care of God's earth and people is in my DNA.

I was raised by hardworking, God loving, really, really, good people parents on a farm two miles north of the small town of Three Oaks. MI. Brought up in the Dutch First Reformed Church that my great grandfather served as a founding member and elder in the 1880s. He and his brothers farmed and planted 24 acres of concord grapevines. Over 200 vines remain today that my sister and I continue to tend. I graduated from the University of Michigan in 1973 with a dental hygiene degree. Years later I returned to Oakland CC for journalism/communications and scored a job with a new pro football league in Pontiac, MI, but it went belly up in the first month. So back to the field of dentistry I go to administer/manage one of the first dental group practices with 60 employees in Michigan, Redwood Dental Group. I moved, married, had many different jobs, travelled a lot, even living on a boat for four years. In 2003, I joined Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers, FL. In 2006, I moved north to marry my reunited love (we dated in the 70's), Dan Himebaugh and joined First Presbyterian, Ann Arbor. Being the consummate optimist, my advice is to "never give up, and always trust that the Lord has the perfect plan for your life, and it most usually is NEVER what you expected!"

I strive to live a life of faith, gratitude, and service, volunteering in some capacity since high school, including Washtenaw County Juvenile Detention Center in the 1970's, Big Brother/Big Sister and Oakland County Youth Assistance in the 80's, Fort Myer's church sponsored third grade reading program, and many more non-profits today through our First Presby Women's Mission programs. It really excites me that we can take part in long standing, effective national and international programs



through PW that exemplify loving of others as Christ taught us to love. I really dislike injustice, unkind, greedy, and disrespectful people and understand through my faith, that these are the exact ones who really need our love, to be seen and listened to for who they are, wherever they might be in their life's journey.

Sage advice I have received over the years: Overtip your servers, they really need it and appreciate it. Give somebody a ten, twenty or more and do not worry about whether they deserve it. Do not live in fear and worry about being safe, especially after doing everything you can to prevent harm. Trust in our Lord. God is with you all the time. In fact, try and not waste much energy worrying at all. Let life break your heart, and not just once. Love your neighbor, yourself, and God, with your whole being. Seek the truth, first hand. Never, ever judge anyone, listen and learn. Lighten up, include humor and gratitude every day of your life. Contribute the special talents God has given you and always find a way to laugh amid it all!

Past Honorary Life Membership Awards

Honorary Life Memberships in Presbyterian Women are conferred on individuals in recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. For each membership given we send \$95 to the national Presbyterian Women. This award began in 1942. Below is a listing of whom Presbyterian Women honored since the award began.

1942

May Goodrich

1946

Ethel Towar

1948

Helen Carson

1953

Ellen Smalley

1955

Eleanor McConkey

1956

E. May Riggs

1957

Edna French

1958

Ruth Hunter

1959

Ellen Bach

Bess Edmonson

Ruth Reichart

1960

Helen Hait

Grace Miller

Jerine Prakken

1961

Hazel Kulp

Fannie Belle Malan

Alta Spencer

1962

Dorothy Amendt

Marie Mickle

Esther Taylor

1963

Evelyn Chase

Ethel Huntwork

Barbara Kempe

1964

Helen Cowan

Hladia Stewart

Betty Young

1965

Stella Cook

Virginia Donahey

Delia Hunter

1966

Lucille Hogan

Kay Schlatter

Jeane Seeley

1967

Mary Loughin

Ruth McCracken

Helen Whittemore

1968

Margo Ellis

Sue Gingles

Angelyn Stevens

1969

Margaret Banghart

Marion McKinney

Marion Merchant

1970

Trenna Edmonson

Irene Hayner

Deborah

Simons

1971

Frances Jelinek

Agnes Waser

1972

Marilyn Baker

Esther Dunn

Ethel Maynard

1973

Marion Abbott

Pauline Binder

Hope Chipman

Emily Dalley

Jacoba Voss

1974

Harriet Geer
Joanne Kooyers
Louise Ostrander

1975

Martha Krehbiel
Lila Miller
Belle Sanders
Rama Stimpson
Bernice Voltmer

1976

Eleanor Hauser
Helen Hountras

1977

Anna Marie Austin
Phyllis Husted
Archibald Preston
Mabel Rugen

1978

Beth Caldwell
Agnes Tysee

1979

Mary Friskey
Barbara Hammitt
Reda Santinga
Edwina Wilkinson

1980

Mary Ferry
Olive Lewis
Joan Tiboni

1981

Hladia Stewart
Barbara McKinley
Jane Holmes

1982

Jean Downs
Libby Hillegonds

1983

Jeane Seeley
Daisy Fear

1984

Julie Spangler
Winifred Fisher
Lenore Rupke

1985

Dolly Millard
Marcia Van Tuyl

1986

Mary Hathaway
Lily Nutt

1987

Marilyn van der Velde
Fran Gamble

1988

Esther Griffiths
Anna Kantz
Verna Thompson

1989

Eva Kelley
Donna Lowry
Dorothy Parker

1990

Margaret Cowan
Olga Vedder

1991

Nan Ament
Margaret Underwood

1992

Hazel Kaufman
Del Hulett

1993

Jean Debbink

1994

Pauline Metzger
Donald Bryant

1995

Barbara Black
Amelia Kesling

1996

Margaret Laird
Dorothy Steiner

1997

Tonetta Keuning
Eleanor Shaw

1998

Elizabeth Lutton
Deborah MacVey

1999

Betty Anderson
Pat Price

2000

Betsy Camp
Jean Johnston

2001

Janet Hanson
Helena Rupke Prince

2002

JoAnne Desmond
Meredyth Jones

2003

Marian West
Rev. David Krehbiel

2004

Marilyn Trytten

2005

Sue Dempsey
Jennie Lombard
The Rev. Maggie
Shreve

2006

Sue Leong
Margie Van Meter



2007

Ann Andrews
Ruth M. Barnard

2008

Linda Margaret Hyatt
Brown
Barbara Everitt Bryant

2009

Virginia Koster
Virginia Rezmierski

2010

Linda Gunderson
Jane Kinzinger

2011

Marlys Schutjer

2012

Larry Summers
Pearl Summers

2013

Lisa Johnson
Marolin Bellefleur

2014

Dale Briggs
Millie Danielson
Carole Hendrickson
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Michael Wright

2015

Jill Binkley
Harriet Brouwer
Lois Jelneck

2016

Judy Landau
Jeannette Middleton

2017

William E. Austin, Jr.
Mary Jones

2018

Barbara Delancey
Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair
Betsy McCallister
Leonard Rezmierski

2019

Bill McPherson
Linda Robinson

2020

Katie Beery
Joan Bentz
Eleanora Charlson
JoAnn Freethy

2021

Virgina Bell
Brad Taylor

2022

Bonnie Hughes
Don Redding
Gale Redding

2023

Elsa Stuber
Kathy Wirstrom

2024

Joyce Hellenga Himebaugh

Recipients of Presbyterian Women's Scholarship Fund

The funds, which include the Doris Barnett Memorial Fund; a Margaret Aybault bequest to the Doris Barnett Memorial Fund; the Joanne Kooyers Scholarship Fund; and the Rugen Endowment, will be known collectively and publicly as the Presbyterian Women's Scholarship Fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor. These have been the recipients:

1986

Jamie Schultz

1987

Jamie Schultz
Bonnie Santinga

1988

Cheryl Elfond

1989

Cheryl Elfond

1990

Cheryl Elfond
Molly Blythe
Barbara O'Day

1991

Mary Austin

1992

Mary Austin
Darlene Mast

1994

Alison Beach

1995

Walter Stuber

1996

Carol Carpenter
Walter Stuber

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Carol Carpenter
Walter Stuber

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Carol Carpenter

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Autum Lum

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2001

Susan Whitlock

2003

Susan Whitlock

2006

Sarah Brouwer

2007

Sarah Brouwer
Elizabeth Davis
Liz Ryder

2008

Elizabeth Davis
Liz Ryder

2009

Deborah Knott Forger
Liz Ryder

2014

Anna Cooke

2015

Anna Cooke

2016

Anna Cooke
Andy Spaulding

2017

Lex Allum
Andy Spaulding

2018

Lex Allum
Andy Spaulding

2019

Lex Allum



Leadership Of Presbyterian Women

Past Assoc Presidents

1964-66 Lucille Hogan
1966-68 Betty Young
1968-69 Peggy M. Banghart
1969-70 Fannie Bell Malan
1970-71 Fran Jelinek
1971-72 Marilyn Baker
1972-73 Jackie Voss

1973-74 Lou Ostrander
1974-75 Martha Krehbiel
1975-76 Helen Hountras
1976-77 Joanne Kooyers
1977-78 Beth Caldwell
1978-79 Reda Santinga
1979-80 Anna Marie Austin

Past Moderators

1980-81 Jane Holmes
1981-82 Jean Downs
1982-83 Jeane Seeley
1983-84 Julie Spangler
1984-85 Eleanor Hauser
1985-86 Mary Ferry
1986-87 Dolores Millard
1987-88 Lou Ostrander
1988-89 Dorothy Parker
1989-90 Verna Thompson
1990-91 Naomi Ament
1991-92 Del Hulett
1992-94 Donna Lowry
1994-95 Barbara Black
1995-96 Barbara Black and Jane Holmes
1996-97 Jane Holmes and Martha Krehbiel
1997-98 Martha Krehbiel and Pat Price
1998-99 Pat Price and Jean Johnston
1999-2000 Jean Johnston and Janet Hanson
2000-01 Janet Hanson and Lynn Haddan
2001-02 Janet Hanson and Marian West
2002-03 Marian West
2003-04 Marian West and Sue Dempsey
2004-05 Sue Dempsey and Jennie Lombard
2005-06 Jennie Lombard and Lynn Haddan
2006-07 Jennie Lombard and Ruth Barnard
2007-09 Ruth Barnard
2009-11 Jane Kinzinger
2011-13 Marolin Bellefleur
2013-15 Jill Binkley
2015-21 Virginia Bell
2021-23 Meg Brown
2023-24 Meg Brown and Kyle Hall
2024-25 Kyle Hall and Bonnie Hughes

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