

Mentone Reading Club

The Mentone Reading Club was organized in 1933 by several women in the Mentone area. The organization joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs in March, 1934, having about 35 local women in its membership.

The idea for starting the club came from Dora Taylor, who had moved to the area from Ft. Wayne. She had been a member of a similar group there and felt that Mentone needed a club that was affiliated with the national Federation.

In the beginning the organization was primarily a cultural group that met monthly to give book reports. Gradually the purpose changed to include a broader range of cultural and philanthropic work. The local club presently follows the purpose of General Federation of Women's Clubs "to unite the women for mutual benefit, and to promote their common interest in education, fine arts, philanthropy, public welfare, moral values, civics and science." The theme of the local club for 1981-82 is "Truth and Honesty."

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