

Merry-Go-Around

In high school we talked about having our own Home Ec. Club and how much fun we would have; mainly because our mothers were Home Ec. Club members.

Our club was organized in June 1977.

A group of young women who felt they needed a night away from children, ect. The Merry Molly's held an organizational meeting for us, with a lovely salad bar and entertainment. The county president, Donna Tively was there to install our first officers. Gloria Basika as pres. - Becky Thomas as V. Pres. - Janet Blair as Trea. - Cindy Spiller as Sec.

She called our club the Merry-Go-Around Home Ec. Club. Our name came about, because of the various locations in the county that some of us lived and also from our mother club, the Merry Molly's.

Charter members are: Becky Thomas, Janie Irel, Shila Busenburg, Janet Blair, Virginia Haywood, Cindy Law, Cindy Spiller, Linda Pitts, Beverly Faulkner, Gloria Basika.

Merry-Go-Around Home Ec. Club is a member of the Indiana Extension Homemakers

Ass. and we are affiliated with Purdue, where a lot of our educational literature and lessons originate from.

Every year in June we have an anniversary celebration. Our 1st ann. we entertained our mother club the Merry Mollies, with a salad bar "changing times" style show, and dirty bingo. Our 2nd ann. ~~we~~ we all went out for supper at Holiday Inn at Plymouth. Our 3rd & 4th ann. were both celebrated at John Strong's. Next year (1982) will be our 5th ann. and we are already planning an evening of entertainment for the Merry Mollies which we are calling a "Tribute to Mothers".

We have ~~had~~ such money making projects as serving luncheons for the president's council meetings which are held five times a year for all the presidents of ^{Kos.} county home ec. clubs.

They receive news of upcoming events, etc.

We participate in the Homemakers Bazaar by making hand made things to sell and baked items. The money from these also goes into our treasury.

We also participate in the ~~How~~ Kos. Co.

Fair.

We have helped with several benefit bake sales and we provide food for the bloodmobile every year. We have donated to the Library Fund, Mentone United 4-H Club, Ronald McDonald Home and helped send a 4-H Exchange student abroad.

We have had bread making classes, candy making, macrame, straw wreaths, silk flower lessons and many others.

We have been a standard club for three years with the county.

At present we are planning a booth at the Mentone Centennial which will feature old fashioned games with players winning old fashioned prizes.

We are getting to know each other better and at present have twelve members. We are learning, having fun and helping the community.

And don't forget the Home Demonstration Creed.

"We believe in the present & its opportunities, ~~in the future and its promises,~~ in the future & its promises, in everything that makes life large & lovely; in the divine joy of living & helping others.