

St. John's Guild

History

The Guild was organized in the 1930's during the Great Depression. Ladies of the community banded together and went door to door asking for donations of food and other essentials for the orphans of St. John's Home. From the very beginning, the Guild has taken the children of St. John's on as their own.

Birthdays

Making birthdays special is an important role of the Guild. The members sign up for a few birthdays every year, and then bring a personalized birthday cake – complete with a card and even a little cash. These cakes are often the first birthday cake a child has received and many times an important step in the healing process for an abused child.

Annual Charity Ball

The major function of the Guild has evolved into planning the annual Guild Charity Ball. The first event was held in someone's home in 1964 – and the group hasn't slowed down since. Now raising over \$100,000 each year, this event raises essential funds for St. John's Home. The formal event takes hours of planning and organizing – with invitation sending, phone calls, and so much more. Setting everything up the morning of the event is a long-time tradition of fun and stress – a great combination for bonding the group together.

Membership

Membership is open to ladies of all ages who would like to make a difference in our community. Meetings are Monday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m. Generally the meetings last about 2 hours – depending on the agenda. Most meetings are in the Fall (late August through late November) with a couple others sprinkled throughout the year.

Questions?

Contact Laura of St. John's Home at (616) 361-4131 or lkruisenga@stjohnshome.org for more information or if you are interested in joining. We would love to see you at our next meeting!



A few Guild members at the 2008 Charity Ball!