

The Highest Calling Of All

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clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, ' I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Lynden Guild Provides 18 Years of Service

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Shirely Speelman, Guild Member
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On November 15, 1978 at Third Christian Reformed Church a group of women organized a guild to work for the welfare of Cascade Christian Home. Cascade Christian Home was Cascade Christian Services first group home and at that time, not yet built. There were 45 women at that first meeting. Shirely Speelman started the group and chaired the first meeting. Margret DeWaard was elected the first President, Bernice Kooy was Vice -president, Cornelia Dykstra was secretary and Florence Veltkamp was elected treasurer. During the first year the group was very busy. They put on a Soup and Pie Supper, a Fashion show, had a booth at the Farmers Day Parade, collected aluminum cans and had their first Dutch dinner. The first year they raised \$3469.50.

Since the guild began in 1978 it has donated approximately \$79,550 to Cascade Christian Services. The guild have volunteered their time for the agency by doing other this such as folding newsletters, helping at the different agency sites with any other maintenance tasks and have mended residents clothing.

Of the original 45 women, four are still presently involved. They are Shirely Speelman, Bernice Kooy, Janet Anker and Bertha Dykstra. There are others such as Ann VanderLeest that came to her first guild meeting in January of 1979. Presently the guild has 13 members. They are: Ann Schilder, Agnes Hilt, Ann VanderLeest, Ruth Tiersma, Shirley Speelman, Tena Speelman, Pat De Jager, Ann Keiser, Jennie Sytsma, Janet



Pictured above from left to right: Ann Schilder, Sylvia Van Berkum, Ann VanderLeest, Pat De Jager, Janet Sierdsma, Agnes Hilt, Ann Yett and Shirley Speelman. The ladies helped prepare the Dutch Dinner.

Sierdsma, Ketrien Nydam, Swany Dykstra and Shirely Fekkes.

The guild now meets four times a year. Their next meeting will be in September. Of the 13 members, 9 belong to what is known as the knitting group. The knitting group gets together to socialize and knit/sew/make things for C.C.S. The group meets twice a month.

During Holland Days in Lynden, the guild sponsored a Dutch dinner at the Lynden Community Center. They started early in the morning with peeling carrots, potatoes, dicing onions and cooking the other ingredients.. Many other people helped with the dinner by helping set up tables and chairs and setting the tables with napkins and silverware. After the dinners all the tables and chairs had to be put away, dishes /silverware washed and then put away. Hours and hours of time were put in for this project. Edaline Dairy donated milk and butter and Dick Bedlington donated potatoes. Bob, the Executive Director of the Senior Center, was also very helpful and very patient. The dinner was a great success and raised \$1600.