



welcome!

Talbot's visionary women leaders founded the Talbot County Women's Club (the Club) in 1930, putting them at the forefront of the "Women's Club Movement" across the country. Women's Clubs provided women a forum for the free exchange of ideas and for improving their communities while also building lifelong friendships.

**"Talbot County Women's Club offers a civic outlet and an organization where they can meet new women while also giving back to our community. There is something for everyone—a historical house and garden, social events, and charitable activities. And most importantly, we have fun!"**

In 1946, The Club bought The James Price House on Talbot Lane (c. 1790) and its adjacent house (c. 1803). In 1947, renovations joined the two houses and continued over the years. Today, the Club still has several important capital projects underway to restore its historic structure.

In 2013, the property, which is in Easton's historic district, was the site of an archeological dig conducted by the University of Maryland and is currently part of an archeology walking tour that presents the newly uncovered history of The Hill Community, one of the oldest settlements of free African-Americans in the United States.

Each Club member tailors her involvement to match her level of interest. Women of different generations, cultures, and walks of life come together around four key principles that guide the work of the Talbot County Women's Club:

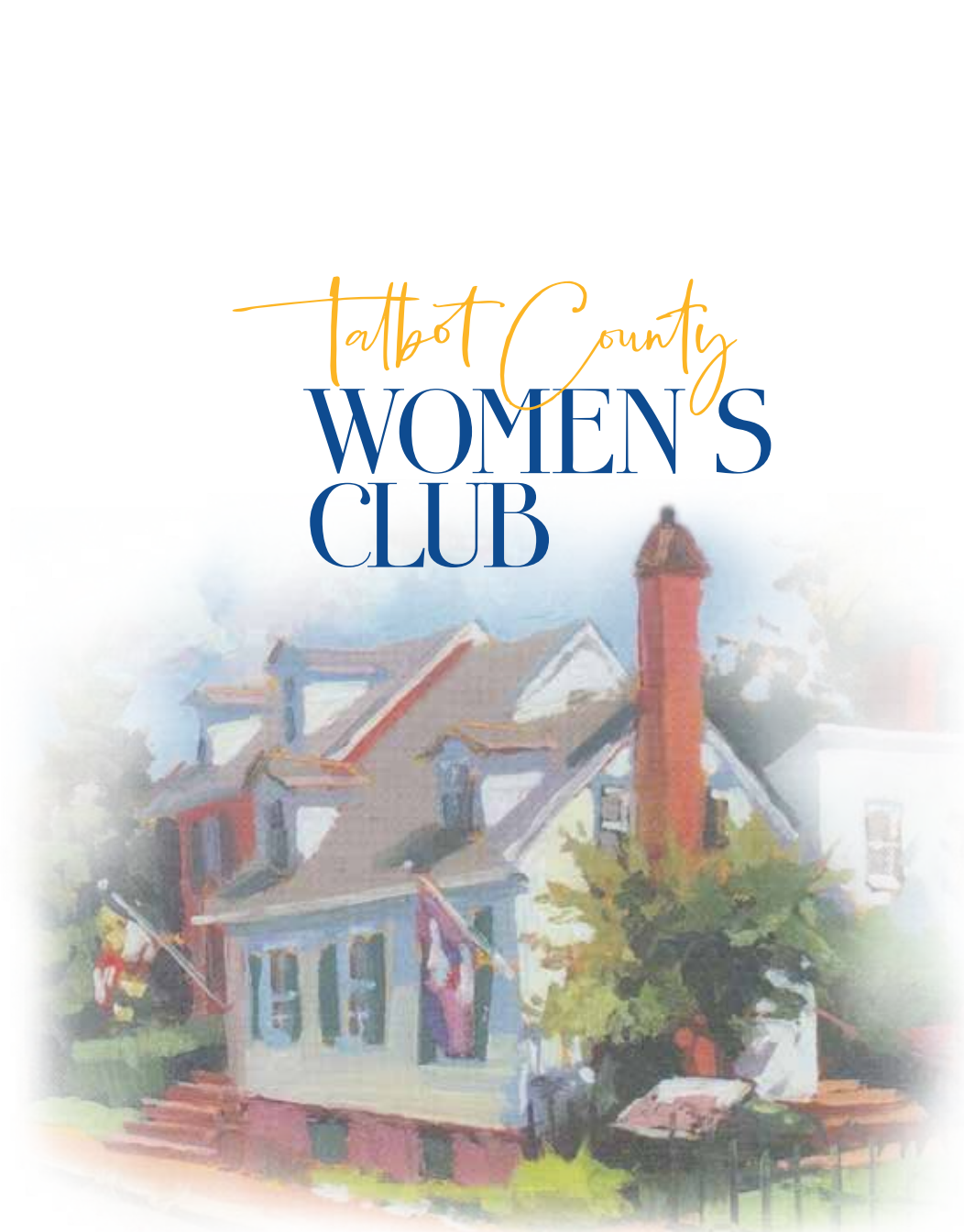
- to support **service projects**;
- to build deep **friendships**;
- to create **lifelong learning experiences**; and
- to maintain **a center for the Club's activities**.



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**"I joined to get involved with the Club's activities, to network, and to meet people in Easton."**



Talbot County  
**WOMEN'S  
CLUB**

**SERVICE | FRIENDSHIP | KNOWLEDGE**

# service

As a nonprofit organization, the Club continues to carry on the tradition of giving with charitable work at the heart of everything the Club does. The Club's first service project grew out of the need for clothing for children during the Depression. Club members made hundreds of garments that were distributed to those in need, plus they provided food and milk to undernourished school children. This included support for Easton's Children's Home for orphans. Charitable activities were funded by luncheons, card parties, rummage sales, swap shops, antique sales, fashion shows, and other projects—not unlike the fundraising that still goes on today through the Club's activities.

**"The original purpose of 'organizing the women of the community into a club to safeguard the historical and promote the civic interests of the town and county' is still relevant today."**

Club activities over the years have included:

- supporting Care and Unicef projects
- participating in a "Clean Up Easton" Campaign
- providing non-perishable food items to the Neighborhood Center, Talbot Senior Center, and Department of Aging
- providing backpacks for Easton Middle School students
- knitting and crocheting hats for the *Little Hats, Big Hearts* campaign for the American Heart Association
- sponsoring scholarships to women returning to Chesapeake College for their degrees



The house and grounds are used for social events, such as parties, teas, and fundraisers, serving as a gathering place for Club members. Finding new and exciting uses for the property is a goal of the organization. Whether serving as an informal gathering place in the Club's picturesque garden or providing inside space for a community meeting, the Club's property is a place where new friendships are made and old friendships continue to grow.



**"Finding ways to continue to grow and learn should be a lifelong quest."**

The Club continues to sponsor informational programs on pertinent topics and local important issues to help members expand their knowledge on important community issues, creating a common interest in charitable, educational, civic, moral, and social measures.

# knowledge

Today, a wide range of speakers, reflecting the diverse interests of our membership and a shared interest for continued learning, present on topics including **current news and events, food, business, science, wellness, literature, health, education, the environment, and the arts.** Cultivating community minds and connecting people by providing programming and speakers that inform and inspire is important to the Club's mission of lifelong learning. The Club welcomes the opportunity for members to plan educational and social trips to further engage members.

## Membership

**Experience social, educational, and cultural activities while helping your community.** Each Club member tailors her involvement in the Club to match her interest level. If you are curious and would like to learn more, contact the Club to schedule a tour or join us during our general meetings. For further information, email [info@talbotcountywomensclub.org](mailto:info@talbotcountywomensclub.org) or visit [talbotcountywomensclub.org](http://talbotcountywomensclub.org).

# friendship

Timeline of Club history from 1930 to 2020:

- March 22, 1930** First regular meeting of the Club, enrolling 199 members
- 1929-1939** A collection penny envelope was used during the Great Depression, helping The Club to make garments and provide food and milk for undernourished school children
- 1930-1940s** First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt played an active role in supporting Women's Clubs as she advocated for women, as well as was involved in her own Women's Club.
- 1945** Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon became chairman of a Club committee to look for a building that might serve as the Club's permanent home
- January 2, 1946** The Club acquired 1790s building on Talbot Lane in Easton's historic district to serve as the Club's permanent home
- June 1, 1952** Milton Campbell gave funds for refinishing the Club's drawing room and for its furniture from the girlhood home of his late wife, a charter Club member
- 1955** A bas relief by sculptor Lee Lawrie, who created the *Atlas* sculpture in NYC's Rockefeller Center, is in the Club's hallway. Lawrie's wife Mildred was a member of the Club.
- November 29, 1957** The Club participated in the collection and distribution of gifts for patients at a mental health facility
- March 21, 1958** The Club took a two-day tour of the United Nations in New York
- November 29, 1967** The Club participates in the collection and distribution of gifts for patients at mental-health facility
- August 16, 2019** The Club presented 60 backpacks filled with school supplies to Easton Middle School
- October 27, 2019** Culinary Competition and Fundraising Event *Chopped* kicked off

