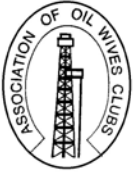


Links of Friendship



A History of the
A.O.W.C.

50 Years of Fostering Friendship



The Association of Oil Wives Clubs



A smile. A handclasp. A word of welcome. Are the links in our chain of friendship. This we believe.

September 1, 2007

To All Sister Oil Wives,

What a wonderful organization this is, that has developed from one of our most basic of desires, "Friendship". Thank you to all founding members for all your hard work and dedication.

Over the years our members have strived to keep the dream alive. Our membership has fluctuated over the years, and of course there are always the "Angels Among Us".

The original "Links of Friendship" was printed in 1982. "Another Link Is Added" was printed in 1987 and "Links Continue" was printed in 1993, as a means of archiving and sharing our history. Over the years the different Boards of Directors have strived to continue to update this information in various ways.

In October 2006 the Association of Oil Wives Clubs conducted a huge celebration of friendship by having all Sister Clubs host the 50th Annual Convention. It was a celebration to remember!

Beginning with the Links of Friendship and utilizing all other compiled information, we bring forth a unified "Links of Friendship". All original entries are contained within, and we have strived to enter the same points of interest year after year.

We the current Board of Directors would like to wish all Sister Clubs and each member of the Association another 50 fun filled years of Fostering Friendship. May our links, continue to grow.

Yours in Friendship,
Board Of Directors
2006-2007

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THE SENATE OF CANADA



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FOREWORD

Speak of the petroleum industry and people think of oil derricks, refineries, pipelines, ocean tankers, and high office buildings housing corporate headquarters.

But the heart of the industry, the men and women involved, too often are taken for granted. This is especially true of the wives of oil men whose husbands are constantly on the move, and whose hours at home are unpredictable.

Understandably, a sense of comradeship grows up among these women, and to foster that comradeship in a social environment, the Association of Oil Wives Clubs was founded.

This publication chronicles the birth of the Association and the highlights of its activities. It is a story that deserved to be told, and those who undertook the task are deserving of congratulations. It gives me much pleasure to extend my congratulations and to wish for the Association of Oil Wives Clubs a rich and rewarding future.

Kenneth C. Manning
Kenneth C. Manning, P.C., C.C.

THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

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MESSAGE FROM PREMIER LOUGHEED

I am pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to this book, depicting the history of the Association of OII Wives Clubs.

I understand that the original OII Wives Club was founded in Alberta in 1951, and since that time has expanded to include forty-five clubs with over two thousand members. The growth and success of your club over the past thirty-one years is something you can all be very proud of.

Please accept my congratulations on the publication of this history, and sincere best wishes for continued success in the future.



Peter Lougheed

THE FIRST LINK...

The idea of social Club for the wives of men in the oil industry began in 1951 at Redwater, Alberta. The person with the remarkable idea was Dean Hunter. She knew from personal experiences how lonely it could be for many wives of oil workers. The idea was that one night a month an “oil wife” could plan on – one night that she could be comparatively sure of going out even though the well caved in or blew in or needed something hauled to or from the well head.

Dean spent years with her husband, wildcatting in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Many a time he had to cancel a promised evening’s entertainment because he had been called to “sit on a well”. There were the wives of men who worked the drilling rigs, changing tour every three weeks. Life in a “mobile home” of one form or another was very lonely and with small children to look after, most of these wives found hard to make friends.

It was a glorious September morning in 1951, when a young oil wife was on the verge of tears, because anniversary though it was, she would have to spend the evening like so many others – alone. Dean’s thought was: “WHY DID AN OIL MAN ALWAYS HAVE TO BE AN OIL MAN AND NEVER A HUSBAND?”

After listening to this tearful young wife, idea took shape – that women in the Oil Industry needed a social outlet, and it should be a Club to provide them with the opportunity for an evening away from home. With this thought in mind, Dean invited two friends, Kay McCaskill and Arlene Hanna over for coffee to discuss the idea. These “pioneering” ladies decided to contact friends in Devon and Edmonton to find out their interest. Mary McRae and Mattie LaBerge volunteered to organize a meeting to be held in Edmonton.

Fifteen ladies attended this meeting and enthusiasm abounded. They agreed it should be social – to foster good fellowship and understanding among womenfolk in the oil industry and offer them an opportunity to attend a dinner meeting, to meet old friends and make new ones.

OIL WIVES BECAME A REALITY

EXISTING CLUBS & DISBANDED CLUBS

EDMONTON, ALBERTA 1951 – (50TH Anniversary 2001)

Dean Hunter, with a new and innovative idea of social club for wives of men in the oil industry, contacted a group of ladies from Redwater, Edmonton, and Devon. The first organizational meeting was held at the home of Frankie Duncan, September 1951. These fifteen ladies are the charter members of the Edmonton Club. They are: Dean Hunter, Kay McCaskill, Arlene Hanna, Frankie Duncan, Mabel Aird, Mattie LaBerge, Myrtle Thompson, Barbara McCourt, Mickey Cunningham, Grace Hume, Marie Wall, Betty Greenwood, Denise Bonnet and Mary McRae.

Early in October 1951, 100 enthusiastic wives gathered in Edmonton for the first general meeting, arriving from Redwater, Edmonton, Devon, Wetaskiwin, and Camrose. Election of officers took place. Prior to this, Marie Wall was Acting President, but before she was able to wield the gavel, her husband was transferred to Calgary; Bessie Bourque was then elected as the first President. There were soon 350 members, levelling off to about a hundred the last several years. Edmonton has many activity groups and encourages participation from their members.

CALGARY, ALBERTA 1952 – (50th Anniversary 2002)

Eleven people attended an organizational meeting at the home of Kay McCaskill. These eleven are Calgary's charter members: Lillian Dearing, Florence Bell, Alice Burns, Marguerite Connell, Lura Head, Bea Hinman, Thelma Grisdale, Betty Leach, Shirley Kronert, Kay McCaskill, Vivian Kinsley.

The first meeting was held October 16, 1952 when Zala Doze was elected President. The membership quickly rose, in 1960; Calgary Club supported 470 members with 180 on a waiting list. To this day, Calgary has the largest membership of all Clubs. This is an active Club with progressive ideas and the enthusiasm to get things done. There are many activity groups and interest groups that this Club offers its members. The 1982 President is Norma Bennet. Look for the "Red and White" fun girls at the convention.

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN 1952 – 1976

In the late months of 1952 after a curling game Helen Stoneman, Mary Kirk and Marnie Martison discussed starting an Oil Wives Club. They contacted Women whose husbands worked in the Exploration and production end of the oil field and within days a club was formed and following ladies were Regina's charter members: Pauline McVicar, Beverly Newmarch, Arlie Balfour, Kitty Leach, Helen Toland, Kathleen Blakslee, Lois Morrow, Evelyn Milner, Roxy Hope-Ross, Gerry Sylvester, Jean Gorrell, Doreen Karpuk, Vi Bilbro, Sherrie Parker, Helen Cruickshank, Dorcas Lee and Lucille Oaks.

Helen Stoneman was elected as First President. Marj Oveson was the President in the late fifties and when the club disbanded in 1976, Vi Allen and Gail Drummond were active members. This club produced members who were founders in our existing constitution and leaders in Oil Wives in the many years following. They produced a play well talked about, "FOR WHOM THE WELL BLOWS", watch for it at the '83 Convention.

VIRDEN, MANITOBA 1953 – 1974

November 6, 1953 at the home of Mrs. McIvors with 12 girls present the first organizational meeting was held. On August 28, 1959 this club had 20 members when it received its charter from the Association. Doris Hollomby attended the 1961 Convention as the only "east" delegate. The club disbanded in September 1974 with a letter to the A.O.W.C. signed by Ev Pateman, Alda Johnson, Dorothy Tomms and Dora Clark.

STETTLER, ALBERTA 1954 – (50TH Anniversary 2004)

Merle Thorton was elected First President on September 23, 1954 when 10 charter members started and Oil Wives Club in Stettler. This all came about after an organizational meeting was held at the home of Geneva Gray. This clubs charter members are; Geneva Gray, Merle Thorton, Betty Harvey, Mona Rogers, Margaret Hart, Peggy Bachelor, Lola Scruggs, Eva Birch, Marilyn Poole and Marie Snory. This club has celebrated over 50 years of fun and making friends.

GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA 1955 – 1961

First meeting was held October 3, 1955 at the home of Rachel Manning with Mabel Beaver and Edna Sazwan assisting. Thirteen charter members attended. First President elected was Rachel Manning. In 1959 only on activity was planned and none in 1960. Charter was returned to the Association on November 20, 1961.

DAWSON CREEK, BRITISH COLUMBIA 1955 – 1967

The first meeting was held on October 4, 1955 with 25 charter members. The First President was Coleta Stewart. On August 28, 1959 this club joined the Association of Oil Wives. Some of the members over the years before 1967 when the club disbanded were: Audrey Pickle, Betty McDonald, Bette Fraser, Lorraine Tanner, and Pat Stewart.

ESTEVAN, SASKATCHEWAN 1956 – (50th Anniversary 2006)

First organizational meeting was held February 16, 1956 with 43 charter members joining. The First President was Betty Mitchell. Some of those first members were: Doreen Helmer, Muriel Coleman, Doris Johnson, Helen Hagel, Ann Pace, and Fay Wheatley. This club has a reputation of being a fun loving, friendly club that knows no end to "fostering friendship". They hosted convention in 1961 and 1971. The 1982 Convention will see some of this clubs famous "Entertainment".

COLEVILLE, (Smiley, Kindersley) SASKATCHEWAN 1954 – (50TH Anniversary 2004)

This club was formed in 1954 with three towns together. In 1959-60, the Club changed to the Oil Wives Club of Coleville and Kindersley started their own club. In 1967 the Association decided that a second charter be granted to the Club and was presented in the name of Coleville. The First President was Carrie Wright. Audrey Earl represented this club at the 1958 convention. In 1982 secretary Carol Werner and Evelyn Barclay attended the 1980 convention as delegates. These proud girls, who will sing loud and clear, when their clubs' name is put on the Association banner celebrating over 25 years of fostering friendship.

RED DEER, ALBERTA 1955 – (50TH Anniversary 2005)

Summer of 1955, Olive Hatfield and a couple of friends advanced the idea of an Oil Wives Club. September 1955 the first regular meeting was held and Charlotte Brown was elected as President. These eleven were the clubs first members: Pat Salter, Roberta Wells, Vera Brown, Audrey Oatway, Eileen Hamilton, Aileen Coates, Lynn Kirkwood, Mona Billington, Betty Herrington, Alice Hatfield and M. Thiel. A very active group centrally located in Alberta's oil field. Red Deer had 69 members in 1968 and remembers Inez Cotter was the first delegate at the 1964 convention.

FORT ST. JOHN, BRITISH COLUMBIA 1956 – (50th Anniversary 2006)

October 2, 1056 guests from Fort St. John attended Dawson Creeks first Anniversary meeting. They were asked to join but encouraged to form their own Club. Monica Hanson, Lillian Lashaski, Pat Hughes and Kay Fogarty held an organizational meeting October 11, 1956 in Fort St. John. On November 5, 1956 the first meeting was held with 25 charter members. The first President was Leona Young. Pat Kent and Donna Solodan shared the Presidency during this clubs 25th Anniversary. The club averages 100 members and is very, very active in everything that is "oil wife".

CARNDUFF-ALIDA, SASKATCHEWAN 1956 – 1971

This club first formed as Carnduff Oil Wives on November 18, 1956 with an original membership of 22. The first President was Vi Fourand. It was decided in 1959, due to the fact half of the members lived in Alida and meetings were held alternately between the two places that the name be changed. They received their charter from the Association on August 28, 1959, later received another using both names. The Club disbanded September 1971.

MIDALE, SASKATCHEWAN 1957 – 1966

First organizational meeting was held at the home of Merle Thornton on November 26, 1956 with seven present. First meeting was held on January 23, 1957 with 32 joining. Kay Scott attended the 1964 convention as delegate and Juanita Venaas as the 1960 delegate. The first President was Aileen Klein. The club disbanded in 1966.

WEYBURN, SASKATCHEWAN 1957 – 1960

Weyburn club operated from early 1957 to October 29, 1960 when it disbanded. Sally Sim attended the Amalgamating Conference of the A.O.W.C. in 1957 as official delegate. Joyce Stoddard attended the 1959 convention at which time the club had 42 members.

OXBOW, SASKATCHEWAN 1957 –

August 1957 saw a tea party at the home of Jean Kirkpatrick's turn into an organizational meeting for an Oil Wives Club. Another meeting was held at Ester Wilson's home and plans to hold the first meeting on September 3, 1957 was made. Seven charter members joined at this time and Jean Kirkpatrick was elected as First President. In 1982 with only 17 members, they hosted the Annual Convention held in Regina, with Bev Spearing acting as Co-Chairman with President **Sherlynn** Best.

DRAYTON VALLEY, ALBERTA 1958 –

Organizational meeting was held at the home of Jean Boseworth on March 20, 1958. Thirteen ladies were present along with representatives from Oil Wives International. They explained the organization and constitution. First meeting was held March 31, 1958 when 104 ladies joined as the clubs charter members. Jean Boseworth was elected First President and Ruby Holliday as First Vice-President and Constitution Chairman. Drayton Valley during the years has become well known for their March entertainment night. Donita Boling attended the 1960 convention as official delegate. Betty Orlesky was the 1981 President of Drayton Valley with Ellen Cox as the 1982 President.

PINCHER CREEK, ALBERTA 1958 – 1966

Two organizational meetings were held in September 1958 with 42 ladies in attendance. The First President was Delores Toale and 32 charter members, joined at their first meeting. Helen Warren attended the 1962 convention as official delegate. The club disbanded in June 1966.

COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA 1958 – 1961

September 1, 1958 a group of women met to form an Oil Wives Association. Attending were Barbara Koop, Scotty Tapper, Suzella Webb and Joy Lloyd. September 15 the first meeting was held with 35 oil wives attending. Helen Kittleson was elected First President. This club corresponded regularly with Oil Wives International until 1961 and disbanded some time in October of that year.

SWIFT CURRENT, SASKATCHEWAN 1959 –

In November 1958 a meeting was held at the home of Bea Wickens with seven girls in attendance. Betty Overson wrote for information on forming an Oil Wives Club and another meeting was held January 28, 1959. Bonnie Burnsworth was elected first chairman and sixteen charter members joined. Kathy Wanner was the 1982 President and Rita Jaster was Membership Chairman.

BRETON, ALBERTA 1958 – 1962

The home of Flora Mattson was the scene of the first meeting of Oil Wives on October 28, 1958. First President was Laverne Miller with 20 charter members. The club disbanded February 5, 1962.

WHITECOURT, ALBERTA 1958 –

Organizational meeting was held on September 30, 1958 with representatives from Oil Wives International present. The first meeting was held February 16, 1959; First President was Pat Sherrif and 9 charter members. Evelyn Whittaker attended the 1962 convention as delegate. Annette Chenery was the 1982 President and Dee McMorris the Co-Program Chairman. This club has given the Association Life members Donna Shaw and Betty Wahl. This is a very hard working club.

MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA 1959 – 1962

The first club in Medicine Hat received its charter from the Association in 1959. There were 10 charter members. Doreen Storms represented the club at convention in Regina in 1959. Jean Christensen represented the clubs' 18 members in 1960. The club disbanded in 1962.

KINDERSLEY, SASKATCHEWAN 1959 – 1962

This club began on its own from having been part of the Coleville, Smiley, and Kindersley Club. The club disbanded about 1962. Some members belonging to this club first joined Coleville in 1954.

ANACO, VENEZUELA 1959 – Disbanded 1961

Etta Roman, Secretary of Anaco Oil Wives Association in Anaco Estado, Anzoategui, Venezuela asked for affiliation with Oil Wives International. Others involved in formation was Cleo Haley their First President, Hazel Lineham formally of Edmonton helped with their first organizational meeting. The disbanding of this club was reported at the October 1961 convention.

SWAN HILLS, ALBERTA 1961 –

A meeting was held January 12, 1961 for purpose of organizing an Oil Wives Club. Some gals from Whitecourt assisted with the meeting. There were 50 in attendance. At the first meeting February 23, 1961, Barbara Fairman was elected President with 68 charter members. Sandra Clarkson attended the 1981 convention as official delegate. This is a small club full of fun and always fosters friendship.

RIMBEY, ALBERTA 1961 – 1967

On April 6, 1961 a group of ladies gathered at the home of Ravena Gwyn to discuss an Oil Wives Club. April 20, 1962 saw 41 ladies at the home of Mrs. F. MacKay in attendance and Ravena Gwyn elected First President. Elaine Standley attended the 1965 convention as delegate. Last correspondence to the Association was received in 1967. The club disbanded about that time.

DRUMHELLER, ALBERTA 1962 – 1964

November 20, 1961 and organizational meeting was held by Thelma Morse. In February 1962 this club formed with Thelma Barick as First President with eight charter members.

KINDERSLEY, SASKATCHEWAN 1963 – 1967

Kindersley started an Oil Wives Club for the second time in 1963. They received their charter from the Association on December 4, 1963. Dora May was President for the first two years and represented the club at the 1964 convention. Nancy Day was the next President. This club disbanded in 1967.

VALLEYVIEW, ALBERTA 1963 – 1994

Helen Pelensky was this clubs First President and there were 16 charter members. Donna Reid attended the 1964 convention as the official delegate with Monty Hansen as the 1965 delegate and Kaye Henshall as the 1981 delegate. This northern Alberta club has been intensely active for a small club and always makes guests feel most welcome. They Co-hosted with Fox Creek and Grande Prairie the 1978 Convention. Look for the plaid outfits! (No news from this club since 1994)

LAMPMAN, SASKATCHEWAN 1964 – 1973

Spring 1963 Jean Didskowski, Pauline Edwards and Ellen Waugh began discussing an Oil Wives Club. They received their charter from the Association on May 6, 1964. Doris Holth attended the 1967 convention as official delegate and Wanda Schnell as delegate in 1965. The club had 23 members in 1968. Lampman disbanded on May 8, 1973.

BROOKS, ALBERTA 1964 –

In October 1964 Carol Cerney, Ruby Gillespie and Sherrie Yunker held and organizational meeting. On November 19, 1964 with 42 present another meeting was held. First general meeting was held December 1964, 34 charter members joined electing Sherrie Yunker as First President. Judy Sutter attended the 1965 convention as official delegate and in 1974 it was Marianne Darling. Alberta Weinrauch is the 1982 President. A very active club that keeps busy. These girls sewed the new A.O.W.C. Banner presented to the membership at the 1981 Convention.

SYLVAN LAKE, ALBERTA 1965 – 1967

First meeting was held October 28, 1965. Red Deer President May Koski and Kay Larson helped organize meeting. Twelve charter members joined, and First President was Kirsten Jensen. They disbanded September 18, 1967.

“Give your smile to someone who has not one.”

GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA 1965 –

An organizational meeting was held on April Fools Day, 1965 at Fern Watson's home with 19 women present. September 29, 1965 Grande Prairie once again received their charter from the A.O.W.C. with 24 members. The 1982 President is Lyn Petuh and Vicky Hall, 1st Vice-President. Elsie Norton represented the club at the 1967 convention. It is an active club that worked hard to Co-host the 1978 convention. A club of fun loving, sharing oil wives.

SLAVE LAKE, ALBERTA 1965 –

The initial meeting was held April 26, 1965 with 24 ladies present. May 13, 1965 the first general meeting was held with 43 in attendance. The First President was Donna Wasson with 40 charter members. Barbara Wilson attended the 1967 convention and Effie Nanning represented the 30 members in 1970. Slave Lake girls always know how to make a meeting fun.

BURSTALL, SASKATCHEWAN 1965 –

Marion Hamilton and Daphne McLaren held an organizational meeting on February 8, 1965 with 46 ladies. 37 charter members attended the first meeting March 15, 1965. First President was Marion Hamilton. Jo Hope attended the 1977 convention as official delegate as did Delores McLean in 1967.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, ALBERTA 1966 –

Five women met at Doreen Fays home on January 12, 1966 to discuss and Oil Wives Club. January 26, 1966, 12 charter members met at the home of their First President, Margaret Allison. Mary Stewart as President welcomed many guests when this club celebrated its 15th Anniversary. Evelyn Griffith as the 1982 President will attend convention and display "Rocky" friendship as Mary Stewart did as delegate to convention 1974.

SYDNEY-PERTH, AUSTRALIA 1966 –1975 1978 -

In 1966 during a transfer "down under" a Canadian Marnie Mortison discussed with other oil wives the possibility of a club based on A.O.W.C. format. Del McGarry became the First President. A lot of Canadians belonged to the club. Activities included touring oil sites and historic sites. Club disbanded in 1975 when many oil people moved to the Perth area. A club was formed there and Jean McDonald reports this club is still operating.

TABER, ALBERTA 1967 –

September 22, 1967 at the home of Joanne Lund a preliminary meeting was held. Nala Czerniak and Gloria Miller organized a meeting on September 29. The first meeting was held on October 13 with 16 charter members. Judy Lukacs attended the 1981 convention as official delegate. This is a club always willing to help out other oil wives.

GREATER YARMOUTH, ENGLAND 1968 – Disbanded

This Club had 154 members.

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, USA

Also had an oil wives club but neither were affiliated with A.O.W.C.

HIGH LEVEL, ALBERTA 1967 – 1975

Organizational and first meeting was held December 14, 1967. First President was Fran Toner and there were 29 charter members. Since dining out was a rarity, no TV and very poor radio, if any, these girls kept very active with oil wives. The club disbanded June 27, 1975.

MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA 1967 –

First organizational meeting was held with 29 ladies attending. The first meeting was held in September 1967 with 18 charter members. First President was Florence Sommerstead. The 1981-82 President is Bev Partridge. This club is extremely active and has a knack for earning friends wherever they are. Merle Tooth & Joanne Bouvette have been delegates at convention.

PEACE RIVER-GRIMSHAW, ALBERTA 1967 –

Ella Symington and Ev Sim held a meeting February 2, 1967 with 8 prospective members. On February 22, 1967 with 25 present further plans were made and on March 15, 1967 the first general meeting was held. Ev Sims was elected President and 32 charter members.

SINGAPORE

A similar club to Oil Wives was operating and the Association received correspondence from Secretary Betty McRae during the year.

SPRUCE GROVE, ALBERTA 1970 –

At Ann Edgeson's home on October 8, 1970 with 10 charter members an Oil Wives club was formed. Pearl Livingston was elected their First President. Irene Thompson represented the club at convention in 1980 and Marion Callihoo was their 1982 President. Joyce Webb helped during the 1979 voting to amend the A.O.W.C. Constitution. This is an Oil Wives club that puts their "all" into each and every meeting. They are fun to visit, try it gals.

PENANG, MALAYSIA

This Oil Wives Club had 20 members. Agnes Meraw, a former Board Member belonged and kept the Association up to date about the club.

ST. JOHNS, NEWFOUNDLAND 1971 – 1974

This club was formed in September 1971 with aid from Delsey Fry. They disbanded December 14, 1974 with a letter signed by Jeannie Mazuryr, President and Shirley Miller, Secretary.

DARTMOUTH-HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA 1972 – 1988

October 3, 1972 and organizational meeting was held and twenty-one ladies were present. November 7, 1972 a total of 71 ladies registered as members. First President was Bea Wickens. Ann Carroll is the 1982 President.

FORT NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA 1972 – 1978

February 14, 1972 this club received its charter from the Association. First President was Nancy Bourget with 24 charter members. They disbanded 1978.

OLDS, ALBERTA 1960 – 2005

An organizational meeting was held at the home of Audrey Pengilly with 5 ladies present on October 18, 1960. Another meeting was held on October 27, 1960 at the home of Ruth Larson with 16 ladies present. The charter members of the club are: Audrey Pengilly, Joanne Mark, Beverly MacDonald, Colleen Miller, Aurora Stremick, Margaret Richardson, Dorothy Shearer, Dorine Moore, Gerry Eubank, Margaret Martin, Margaret Andrew, and Ruth Larson. This is a club of gals who work hard together to keep an active club and “foster friendship” wherever they are.

SHERWOOD PARK, ALBERTA 1960 –

Early in 1960 over a cup of coffee Kay Vanderbrink and Lois Gergstad discussed the idea for forming their own Oil Wives Club, rather than drive to the “big city”. March 1, 1960 an organizational meeting was held and Beatrice Gillespie was elected the First President and 20 charter members joined. March 17, 1960 the first dinner meeting was held and this club still celebrates their birthday each year on the date. There were 100 members in 1972. Pauline Knipple and Iona Moore were the 1982 Convention Delegates. These girls are fun loving and always pleasant, a fun time is had when with the Sherwood Park Oil Wives.

FOX CREEK, ALBERTA 1971 – 1984

An organizational meeting was held September 18, 1971 at the home of Margie Woolsey. Jean Suddoby was appointed temporary Chairman. The first general meeting was held on October 21, 1971 when the following became this clubs charter members; Jean Suddoby, Marge Woolsey, Ann Peacock, Barbara Cooper, Pat Sprague, Marilyn Freeman, Ann Parson, Sandra Wilton, Lil Gabert and Karen Wilson. It is a small club whose members are active and enjoy the fellowship of the wives of men in the oil field.

“Folks never get so rich that they can afford to lose a friend.”

LEDUC, ALBERTA 1973 –

On September 23, 1973 eight girls, Pat Thorkman, Marlene Sehn, Jean Carmichael, Gwen Hobson, Mary Smale, Gloria Jevne, Inga Kilback, and Lynn Read met and decided to start an Oil Wives Club in Leduc. They planned and organizational meeting that held on October 11, 1973. Thirty-nine girls attended this meeting and by the end of the evening they had thirty-six members. Val Straub represented this club as President in 1981. The members in this club are active and interested in all oil wives clubs and very efficient in all business matters.

CORONATION, ALBERTA 1973 –

On October 11, 1973 an organizational meeting was held. On November 1, 1973 with 20 charter members the First President was elected. Norma Steer attended the 1974 convention and 1982 will see Lucille Hansen as President.

ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND 1972 – Disbanded

Joanne Adkins was elected as First President on March 10, 1972 when the Petroleum Women's Club of Scotland was formed. The basis of this club is the same as the A.O.W.C. There were 19 activity groups including charity, speakers, social, foreign tours etc. 1981-82 membership is a total of 430 members. It is a very active, well formed club. Thanks to Bona-Mae Brownell and Vi Lineham for sending me the full information. Drop by this club when you are in Scotland gals, as we invite them to join us.

COLD LAKE-GRANDE CENTRE, ALBERTA 1979 –

Eight ladies met on November 30, 1978 to discuss formation of a club in this area. February 14, 1979 was the first meeting with 21 charter members. Jean Wandler and Rita Kucy attended the convention in 1979 to receive their charter from the Association. This club has had Jean Wandler, Gloria Mack and Arlene Heide as Presidents. This club is efficient and enjoy much involvement in their community, a very social and fun club to visit.

LLOYDMINSTER, ALBERTA/SASKATCHEWAN 1980 –

January 4, 1980 Lynne Leard and Bunny Coutney decided to advertise for interested oil wives to join a club. February 18, 1980, Linda Wittmack held a second organizational meeting. March 13, 1980 with 34 charter members, Lynne Leard was the clubs First President and this border city had an oil wives club. The participation in this club is tremendous. A prime example could be their elections. They had 7 and 8 running for each position. Friendly girls who are enjoying "oil wives".

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND 1980 – 1988

A meeting was held at the home of Joan Beattie on March 6, 1980 to discuss formation of an Oil Wives Club. The first official meeting was held on March 11, 1980 with 26 attending. First President was Joan Beattie. This far eastern city has an active club that blends the sea with friendship and fun. Past Board Member Kay Larson represented the club at the 1981 convention.

KINDERSLEY, SASKATCHEWAN 1980 –

First meeting was held May 26, 1980 with 10 women in attendance. June 9, 1980 first general meeting was held with Jean Williams as President and 18 charter members; Bernice Drozd, Phoebe Drozd, Jean Williams, Dora May, Geniel May, Carolyn Jones, Sandra Bosse, Ann Parr, Jean Sardahl, Lynn May, Sharon Gierstorfer, Beverly Tongedal, Judy Setrakov, Dana Pendree, Marion Burchby, Judy Holland and Lois Bacon. It is nice to see this club operating again.

BEAUMONT, ALBERTA 1980 –

In the summer of 1980 Kathy Park, Ann Hetu and Joanne St. Amant put posters about town indicating an oil wives organizational meeting would be held. On September 9, 1980 the first meeting was held with 19 charter members joining. Joanne was elected as the First President with Colleen Scott serving as the 1982 President. A club of young oil wives who have taken the motto “to foster friendship” and used it in all their activities.

OKOTOKS, ALBERTA 1981 –

Organizational meeting held at Marion McNalley home on February 23, 1981 with 12 interested ladies. First general meeting held on March 17, 1981 with Myrna Mooney as First President and 22 charter members. This club is active and extremely efficient in their short time in the Association.

VAUXHALL, ALBERTA 1982 – 1984

First organizational meeting was held on November 24, 1981 at the home of Argyl Stolk. The first meeting was held April 1, 1982 at which time Marnie Sutton, Shirley Gow, Diane Winteringham, Darlene Phillips, Rebecca Vogt, Argyl Stolk and Kathy Sawka joined and are this clubs charter members.

BATTLEFORD, SASKATCHEWAN 1982 – 1988

Judy Savage organized a meeting in September 1981 for form a club in Battleford. Several organizational meetings were held facing prospective members with snowstorms, power failures and numerous other problems. But Oil Wives won in the end and this newest club held its first meeting April 21, 1982. In May they held the installation of officers. I had the pleasure of attending with the Presidents from Lloydminster, Coronation and the Edmonton Club. The officers are Judy Savage First President, Karen Olsen, Louise Huys, Julie Kraft and Sheila Day. So where ever you are in the world’s oil fields there is a friend to be made, and oil wives club to be started.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, USA 1983 – 1986

Organizational meeting was held May 22, 1983. The first general meeting was held on June 9, 1983 at the Green Country Club. Roberta Emslie, Jean Holmes, Penny Ruddy and Roberta Carrier all agreed to serve on their first executive. The club was active and supported several activity groups. Due to the severe recession and decline in oil production the club found it necessary to close in 1986.

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN 1985 – 1988

April 15, 1985 Marjorie Leeson, Elaine Greaves, Audrey Comeau, Marjorie McDonald, and Beverly Selinger met to form an Oil Wives Club. The first organizational meeting was held on May 30, 1985 with 16 charter members attending. This is a unique club that has many interruptions due to home leaves and the much different way of life in Pakistan. The club is supported by 40 members. It is exciting having friends who live around the world but still are part of our Association.

HIGH LEVEL, ALBERTA 1985 – 2002

Organizational meeting was held November 5, 1985 with 20 women attending. Thelma Buchon was elected as first President, with Debbie McCool, Sharlane Lindsey, Darlene Juneau and Brenda Lindsay all serving on the executive.

The club has a variety of activities and enjoys the friendship of Oil Wives. It was over 10 years since High Level had an active Oil Wives Club. It's nice to welcome this area back to the Association.

EDSON, ALBERTA 1988 – 1991

No information available.

RIMBEY-PONOKA 1989 –

The Oil Wives Club of Rimbey was formed in September 1989. This club started with 10 members. Their first meeting was held at the home of Joni Feys in Rimbey. One Board member, Jean Holman was in attendance Their charter was issued Oct. 14, 1989.

In March of 1991 a motion was made have the name changed to Oil Wives Club of Rimbey-Ponoka. At that time there were 24 members , 15 from Ponoka and 9 from Rimbey. They wanted to equally represent both towns since 4 of the charter members were from Ponoka.

RAINBOW LAKE, ALBERTA 1999 –

In November 1998 Sharyle Sieben contacted the A.O.W.C. Board for necessary information to form a new club. The Board Constitution Chairman sent out the necessary Organizational Kit. Word was sent around town there would be and organizational meeting for Oil Wives. On February 20th, the first meeting of Rainbow Lake took place. Board members Arlene Beaudet and Mavis Degeer were present to help with the Constitution questions and election procedures. The Oil Wives Club of Rainbow Lake had 24 charter members. Their name was unveiled at convention on the Links of Friendship Banner.

UNITY, SASKATCHEWAN 2000 – Disbanded 2004

Organizational meeting held at the home of Kirsten Guggenmos on September 12, 2000. A total of 5 ladies were present. A.O.W.C. Board Members, Arlene Beaudet and Vivian Politylo helped with the organizing and elections at our first meeting night. Kirsten Guggenmos, President, attended Convention in Estevan to receive charter and unveiled the name on the Links of Friendship Banner. They are small but enthusiastic.

“A friend is gift you give yourself.”

The First Inkling of a Snag

... in this lovely chain of friendship came when it became obvious that though a wife was a member of one club she might be unable to join a club in the area to which her husband had just been transferred. No two clubs were operating along the same lines of eligibility for members. The members themselves all seemed to be having a wonderful time and the popularity of the idea was certainly attested to by the number of clubs that were being organized. The girl who was moving around from one field to another though, was the one who was being penalized and she was the one who needed and wanted to belong to such a group. Again, Dean Hunter worked hard to organize a conference. Letters were sent to every known Oil Wives Club inviting it to send a voting delegate to a conference in Edmonton in February 1957. Edmonton, Calgary, and Regina, being the first three clubs organized, were each asked to select two members who would take office on the first Board of Directors. Copies of the proposed Constitution were sent to every club in time for the members to vote on it before the conference.

AMALGAMATING CONFERENCE OF OIL WIVES CLUBS

Held: Edmonton, Alberta

Date: February 15, 1957

The purpose of the meeting was to draw up a common constitution and set up a central executive.

Organizer – Regina

President – Calgary

Secretary Treasurer – Edmonton

Eligibility Chairman – Calgary

Project Chairman – Calgary

Constitution Chairman – Regina

Representation – Regina

Club Representatives:

Weyburn, Sask. – Sally Sim

Kindersley-Smilely-Coleville, SK – Audrey Earl

Regina, Sask – Bev Newmarch

Stettler, Alberta – Shirley Black

Calgary, Alberta – Hilda Conder

Virden, Manitoba – Eunice McNary

Dean Hunter

Emily McKay

Winnie Thom

Kay McCaskill

Betty Gough

Jean Gorrell

Bea Flood

Estevan, Sask. – Dorothy Briant

Red Deer, Alberta – Edna Buckley

Edmonton, Alberta – Jo Jamison

Dawson Creek-Fort St. John, B.C.

– Lottie Hill

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Dean Hunter appointed Honorary President of the International Board of Directors.
2. Group to be called Oil Wives International.
3. Individual clubs to be called Oil Wives Association.
4. Fees for all members to be \$3.00 included were the \$0.50 to be sent to International.

The proposed constitution was naturally, the real bone of contention. The final results were not completely satisfactory to everyone, but all did agree to abide by these first “rules”. The board constitution chairman worked the next year on the first constitution. There were approximately 1133 members in the existing clubs.

OIL SERVICES BRANCH

As further evidence of her unflagging interest in Oil Wives, Dean Hunter now was instrumental in organizing the services branch. She at this time belonged to the Regina Club. Some clubs supported the branch by forming a committee and sending saleable items to the Oil Wives Thrift Shop in Regina.

Money was also being raised for a home in Calgary for incapacitated children of oil field personnel. This project became known as the Holiday Home Project. Definite goals were set out.

1. Home to set up for handicapped children
2. Home limited to children of parents in Oil Industry.
3. Home to start as cottage for 4 children.
4. Money to be put in trust fund when enough saved for home to be opened.
5. Home to be located in Calgary.
6. Oil Wives Services Branch name was chosen and registered.

CONVENTION #1

February 18, 19, 1958

Calgary, Alberta

Board of Directors

Honorary President:	Dean Hunter
President:	Emily McKay
Secretary/Treasurer:	Winnie Thom
Eligibility:	Kay McCaskill
Project Chairman:	Betty Gough
Constitution Chairman:	Jean Gorrell
Representation:	Bea Flood

Fifteen association delegates attended the meeting. The Club's at this point were called the Associations; the groups as a whole were referred to as Oil Wives International. The oil derrick was decided upon as the group's emblem.

Constitution was upper most topics of lengthy discussions. Eligibility was an issue of concern to all clubs. All were reminded that clubs should accept as members those that will be acceptable to other clubs, (due to transfers). Dean Hunter and Bea Flood were to get legal advice on wording and to get the long and expensive Incorporation of this group under the Dominion of Canada Societies Act started. Projected chairman received a definite negative vote by the delegates to a suggestion that we as a whole sponsor or accept any charitable work at this time.

An idea of sending out newsletters was discussed to include such items as outstanding progress, births, transfers, etc. and to promote a closer interest between the "Associations".

OIL SERVICES MEETING

January 26, 1959

Edmonton, Alberta

January 26, 1959, Dean Hunter of Regina met with joint executives of the Edmonton Oil Wives Association and the Oil Service Club. The meeting was held to discuss the future of the Holiday Home.

1. These plans had matured to point of obtaining an option on a piece of land in Calgary.

2. Architect asked to submit plans for proposed building.
3. Stated estimate needed approximately \$100,000.00.
4. Plans had grown from small cottage to an edifice of institutional proportions.

The views of the joint executives felt they were prepared to support the original project, but felt at this time they had not progressed to a point of such a grand-scale operation. Bank balance of Oil Service Club showed even the modest cottage plans were far into the future. An ambitious plan had become an impossible venture.

The Boards outlook was prepared by Agnes Chaput, President of Oil Service Club, Norma Alger President of the Edmonton Oil Wives Association and Irene Braybrook Past President of the Edmonton Oil Wives Association. Many members made personal commitments to support this project but the Association on a whole was against any further support.

CONVENTION # 2

March 3, 4, 5, 1959
Regina, Saskatchewan

On March 3, 1959 – Dean Hunter Resigned as Honorary President

Board of Directors

President:	Emily McKay
Secretary/Treasurer:	Winnie Thom
Membership:	Kay McCaskill
Project:	Betty Gough
Constitution:	Jean Gorrell
Newsletter:	Winnie Bowering

Seventeen of 18 clubs were represented at this convention. Miss Ruth McGill, lawyer, worked with Dean Hunter and the Board to obtain a charter for the Oil Wives International. A full report was presented at this meeting. The new name is now to be “The Association of Oil Wives Clubs”. From the Oil Wives International, and each club should prepare the name “Oil Wives Club of _____”, with the name location, as their new identification.

This meeting was lengthy and full of founding rules and by-laws for the basis of the Association as it remains to this day.

Delegate	Club	No. of Members
Laverne Miller	Breton	20
Anne Wilmot	Carnduff	26
Mary Telfort	Coleville (absent)	--
Marion Kelly	Dawson Creek	45
Jean Bosworth	Drayton Valley	150
Norma Alger	Edmonton	250
Helen Baxter	Estevan	142
Darlene Winters	Fort St. John	65
Doreen Storms	Medicine Hat	16
Berny Wensley	Midale	24
Sally Dorn	Oxbow	22
Peggy James	Pincher Creek	65
Willa Soderberg	Red Deer	70
Nel Thompson	Stettler	42
Bert Trowell	Virden	32
Joyce Stoddard	Weyburn	42
Joyce Haun	Calgary	500
Dorothy Hogg	Regina	223

CONVENTION #3

February 3, 1960
Edmonton, Alberta

Board of Directors

President:	Emily McKay
Secretary/Treasurer:	Winnie Thom
Constitution Chairman:	Jean Gorrell
Membership Chairman:	Irene Braybrook
Recording Secretary:	Doreen Utas of the Edmonton Club (Hosting Club)

20 clubs were represented. Member clubs were divided into districts so smaller clubs could assist larger city clubs in hosting conventions. The format for convention was that they alternate between 3 centres, Edmonton, Calgary, and Regina. There were 1712 members now in the Association. Calgary was the largest with 475 members. Fringe members would be allowed in clubs wishing to have them. The travel fund came into being, to help smaller centres send representatives to convention.

CONVENTION #4

February 15, 16, 1961

Place: Calgary, Alberta

Board of Directors

Honorary President:	Jean Gorrell
President:	Emily McKay
Secretary/Treasurer:	Winnie Thom
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Morrison
Constitution Chairman:	Hilda Condor
Nominations Chairman:	Lottie Hill

SPECIAL MEETING

February 15, 1961

Irene Stuppard was elected as Chairman of the Association to conduct this special meeting. This meeting was called prior to convention session to discuss the Oil Wives Club of Regina for violation of Article XI: Section 1 of the Constitution concerning dues. The Regina Club has changed the dues set by the Constitution without any amendment having been made to the above-mentioned Article XI, Section 1. Letters were read from the Board of Regina stating that other clubs wished to raise dues but not been able to under the Constitution. Letter June 6, 1960 stating By-Laws were binding.

This discussion was then led to decide: “either in favor of or against the board’s decision to enforce the Constitution – which enforcement had resulted in the suspension of the Regina Club”.

Regina’s position was that they felt Letters Patent and By-Laws superseded the Constitution; that the Constitution was to be used only as a guideline when making up the individual clubs rules and By-Laws and since there was nothing in the Letters Patent or By-Laws stating that fees must be \$3.00 they felt they were within their rights to make the change.

The Associations position was stated by Jean Gorrell that the issue was not dues or of By-Laws but of the upholding of the Constitution. That all Clubs in 1957 and 1958 agreed to every article of the Constitution and agreed it must be followed by all Clubs. If articles become outdated or obsolete then changes must be made by Amendment at Convention by all delegates. Every club will have its own rules which will fit its needs; but these rules must implement and not be contrary to the Association Constitution and By-Laws.

The Board of Directors were given a note of confidence by a motion made by Lola Scruggs. "That the delegates uphold the Board's action on the fact that they were upholding the Constitution." seconded by Margaret Walter, Carried.

Regina was welcomed back to the Association when they and the Association Board difficulties were resolved. The Constitution is still upheld by all clubs, although at times confusing. Standing Rules help spell out confusing Constitution statements. Each individual club have their own By-Laws, which then spell out their own individual smaller decisions; these though must not be conflicting with the Constitution.

BOARD MEETING

May 20, 1961

Standing Rules came into being to help clarify and misunderstandings some new and older clubs were having. Nine specific ones were spelled out. Standing Rules have grown and changed from this year to now.

CONVENTION #5

October 17, 18, 19, 1961

Estevan, Saskatchewan

Board of Directors

Honorary President:	Emily McKay
President:	Winnie Thom
Secretary:	Norma Alger
Treasurer:	Hilda Condor
Constitution Chairman:	Danita Boling
Membership Chairman:	Irene Braybrook
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Jean Kirkpatrick
Nominations Chairman:	Lottie Hill

20 Clubs were represented at this convention. This year two conventions were held February and October, but will in future be held in the fall only.

Annual per capita fee was raised to \$.75 from \$.50. Black and Gold were chosen as the official colors. A question pertaining to pins, how to attract new members, is a widow eligible, & fringe members, etc. were high on list of discussion at this convention. It seems like some questions are a concern annually. Efficiency Award went to Dawson Creek. Life Membership bestowed up Hilda Condor.

An Honorary Membership was presented to Dean Hunter. Only one will ever be granted by the Association to honor the founder of Oil Wives.

CONVENTION #6

October 2, 3, 4, 1962

Dawson Creek, B.C.

Board of Directors

Honorary President:	Emily McKay
President:	Winnie Thom
Secretary:	Norma Alger
Treasurer:	Hilda Condor
Constitution Chairman:	Betty Wahl
Membership Chairman:	Irene Braybrook
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Jean Kirkpatrick
Nominations Chairman:	Lottie Hill

Eighteen clubs were represented at this convention, missing were Swift Current, Stettler, and Drumheller. The official Past Presidents pin was voted on at this meeting – a gold maple leaf with the Oil Wives insignia in black and gold.

Suggestion that all members of clubs be told of the possibility of remaining member in good standing even if moved to an area where there was no club by keeping their membership paid up in their home club. Vote was in favor that Board President serves a limit of two years after she had served a minimum of two years as a Board Member. Efficiency Award went to Dawson Creek. A Life Membership awarded to Irene Braybrook.

CONVENTION #7

October 15, 16, 1963

Calgary, Alberta

Board of Directors

Honorary President:	Emily McKay
President:	Winnie Thom
Secretary:	Edith Pettinger
Treasurer:	Hilda Condor
Constitution Chairman:	Betty Wahl
Membership Chairman:	Lottie Hill
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Lorraine Davidson
Nominations Chairman:	Jean Kirkpatrick

Twenty clubs were represented at this convention. The main discussion was the model constitution; it took up the majority of the time. Efficiency Award went to Oil Wives Club of Drayton Valley.

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING

October 15, 1963

Betty Wahl Constitution Chairman opened the extra ordinary meeting. She dealt with the workings of the Board of the Directors and Incorporation under the Companies Act. The By-Laws and Letters Patent were opened for discussion. Point by point discussion of the Model Constitution and By-Laws were held. From this amendments were voted on and the first Model Constitution amendments were hence made. Revised Constitution was accepted in Ottawa, February 27, 1964.

CONVENTION #8

October 6, 7, 1964

Edmonton, Alberta

Board of Directors

Honorary President:	Winnie Thom
President:	Hilda Condor
Secretary:	Edith Pettinger
Treasurer:	Dorothy Hogg
Constitution Chairman:	Betty Wahl
Membership Chairman:	Lorraine Davidson
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Kay Larson
Nominations Chairman:	Jean Kirkpatrick

Twenty-four clubs of twenty-six were represented at this year's convention. An outline of how clubs were to make By-Laws was decided upon. By-Laws of a club must be presented to full membership of club, 30 days prior to their being voted on. A letter is written to Constitution Chairman of the Board for approval and check that By-Law must not conflict with Constitution. After vote of club members then By-Law must be approved by A.O.W.C. Constitution Chairman. Life Membership awarded to Dorothy Hogg. Efficiency Award winner was Carnduff-Alida.

"In the sweetness of friendship, let there be laughter and sharing of pleasure."

CONVENTION #9

October 18, 19, 20, 1965

Regina, Saskatchewan

Board of Directors

Past President:	Winnie Thom
President:	Hilda Condor
Secretary	Betty Wahl
Treasurer:	Dorothy Hogg
Constitution Chairman:	Edith Pettinger
Membership Chairman:	Lorraine Davidson
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Rilla Adams
Nominations Chairman:	Kay Larson

Twenty-three of twenty-seven clubs were represented. Efficiency Award went to Edmonton. Life Membership awarded to Jean Kirkpatrick. The Association had 1574 members. This year the position of Honorary President was done away with and the outgoing President became Past President, officially on the Board of Directors, not just an Honorarium.

MOTTO FOSTER FRIENDSHIP

The motto of the Association of Oil Wives Clubs has always been to “Foster Friendship!” The purpose of Oil Wives is social club, and outlet for wives of men in the oil industry. A chance to be a friend and make a friend. All the clubs and members emphasize the chance to:

“FOSTER FRIENDSHIP”.

“Begin the day with friendliness. Keep friendly all day long.”

BOARD MEETING

March 7, 1966

From a selection of entries from 18 Clubs the Board chose

CREED: (Submitted by the Oil Wives Club of Edmonton)

A smile,
A handclasp,
A word of welcome,
Are the links in our chain of friendship.
This we believe.

BLESSING FOR OIL WIVES CLUBS:

(Submitted by the Oil Wives Club of Estevan)

Sit now with us, O Silent Guest,
Our Friend unseen that we love best,
And by Thy Presence may we feel
True Fellowship throughout this meal. Amen.

SONG: (Submitted by the Oil Wives Club of Kindersley)

Tune: "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli"

From the prairie's dusty oil towns,
To the off shore rigs at sea,
Wherever men are working,
In the petroleum industry,
We, the Oil Wives get together,
In a gay fraternity,
We are here to Foster Friendship,
An Oil Wives Club are we.

CONVENTION #10

October 18, 19, 20, 1966

Calgary, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Hilda Condor
President:	Edith Pettinger
Secretary:	Betty Wahl
Treasurer:	Clarice Webster
Constitution Chairman:	Rilla Adams
Membership Chairman:	Lorraine Davidson
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Pat Underhill
Nominations Chairman:	Ruth Larson

The following is a list of clubs in the Association and their total membership.

CLUBS	MEMBERS	CLUB	MEMBERS
Brooks	66	Pincher Creek	(absent) 23
Burstall	(absent) 37	Red Deer	85
Calgary	357	Regina	53
Carnduff-Alida	21	Rimbey	37
Coleville	(absent) 23	Rocky Mt. House	16
Dawson Creek	(absent) 19	Sherwood Park	42
Drayton Valley	123	Slave Lake	67
Edmonton	113	Stettler	24
Estevan	126	Swan Hills	49
Fort St. John	97	Swift Current	72
Grande Prairie	18	Sylvan Lake	16
Kindersley	30	Valleyview	42
Lampman	23	Virden	10
Olds	44	Whitecourt	(absent) 25
Oxbow	30		

Life Membership awarded to Lorraine Davidson. Efficiency Cup went this year to Calgary. Association dues were raised from \$.75 to \$1.00. Complete membership lists must be sent to Association in November and April.

Board Meeting

October, 1967

If an Oil Wives Club wishes to honor a member, she will be granted a Club Honorary Membership, rather than a Life Membership, as is given from the Association. Her dues are paid by that club only as long as she is a member in good standing of that club.

CONVENTION #11

October 18, 19, 20, 1967
Edmonton, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Hilda Condor
President:	Edith Pettinger
Secretary:	Ruth Larson
Treasurer:	Clarice Webster
Constitution Chairman:	Rilla Adams
Membership Chairman:	Shirley McCallum
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Dot Booker
Nominations Chairman:	Ruth Deans

This was the Tenth Anniversary of Association of Oil Wives Clubs in Canada's Centennial Year, but the eleventh convention as two were held in the 1961. Keys were presented to all as a favor to honor the Associations Anniversary. Twenty-five clubs were represented this year. There were 1747 members in the A.O.W.C. during 1966-1967. Calgary supported a membership of 364 with Estevan having 129. Three new clubs formed this year and two disbanded. Life Membership presented to Betty Wahl. The Efficiency Cup was awarded to Fort St. John, B.C. and Kindersley Saskatchewan who tied.

CONVENTION #12

October 23, 1968
Swift Current, Saskatchewan

Board of Directors

Past President:	Edith Pettinger
President:	Clarice Webster
Secretary:	Ruth Deans
Treasurer:	Ruth Larson
Constitution Chairman:	Kay Larson
Membership Chairman:	Dot Booker
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Doris Greenaway
Nominations Chairman:	Ethel Rault

Twenty-three clubs represented of 30 clubs. They were:

CLUB

Brooks
Burstall
Calgary
Carnduff-Alida
Coleville

DELEGATE

Shirley Kemp
Delores Fischer
Myrrel Beard
Patricia Line
Ellen Essery

Drayton Valley
Edmonton
Estevan
Fort St. John
High Level
Lampman
Olds
Oxbow
Peace River-Grimshaw
Red Deer
Regina
Rimbey
Sherwood Park
Stettler
Swan Hills
Swift Current
Taber
Valleyview

Kay Meraw
Janet Trumble
Donnie Dyer
Clarice Jury
Hattie Birdsell
Rose Paskowski
Laura Haw
Beverly Coon
Mona Johnson
Sylvia Eastcott
Barbara McHugh
Lenora Heringer
Kae Rideout
Pearl Theriault
Lovell Mittelstadt
Sheila Lehman
Ruth Ritchie
Marge Dufort

There were 1674 members in the Association this year. A Life Membership was presented to Edith Pettinger. The Efficiency Cup was awarded to Swift Current Club. Board favors were cocktail forks.

CONVENTION #13

October 22, 1969
Red Deer, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Edith Pettinger
President:	Clarice Webster
Secretary:	Ruth Deans
Treasurer:	Ruth Larson
Constitution Chairman:	Ethel Rault
Membership Chairman:	Doris Greenaway
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Agnes Meraw
Nominations Chairman:	Liz Johnson

Twenty-six clubs were represented at this year's convention. There are 1575 members in the Association. A Life Membership was awarded to Ruth Imler. Efficiency Cup was awarded to the Olds Club. A workshop was held topics being, eligibility, constitution, Life Members, Emblems and Name Pins, elections and transfers.

CONVENTION #14

October 20, 21, 22, 1970
Sherwood Park, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Clarice Webster
President:	Ruth Larson
Secretary:	Doris Greenaway
Treasurer:	Jackie Timmons
Constitution Chairman:	Liz Johnson
Membership Chairman:	Kay Meraw
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Altha Davison
Nominations Chairman:	May Koski

Twenty-seven clubs were represented. 1604 members were in the Association this past year. Efficiency Cup was awarded to Olds for second year in a row. Life Membership awarded to Rilla Adams. A guest from a modeling agency gave demonstration on how to pack a suitcase. Spruce Grove was presented with their charter.

CONVENTION #15

October 21, 22, 23, 1971
Estevan, Saskatchewan

Board of Directors

Past President:	Clarice Webster
President:	Ruth Larson
Secretary:	Elenore Sedger
Treasurer:	Jackie Timmons
Constitution Chairman:	Liz Johnson
Membership Chairman:	Kay Meraw
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Altha Davison
Nominations Chairman:	Myrrel Beard

Twenty-one clubs were present at this convention, eight were unable to attend. The total membership of this last term was 1,565. It was noted at this convention 14 clubs had celebrated over 10 years in the Association.

Clarice Webster was presented with a Life Membership Award. The Efficiency Award went to the Calgary Club with Dorthy Perkins accepting for her club.

Fourteen clubs donated money to the Association travel fund, totalling \$243.66. Six clubs received money from the fund for \$266.75.

CONVENTION #16

October 16, 17, 18, 1972

Medicine Hat, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Ruth Larson
President:	Liz Johnson
Secretary:	Elenore Sedger
Treasurer:	Muriel Coleman
Constitution Chairman:	Jackie Timmons
Membership Chairman:	Dot Shearer
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Altha Davison
Nominations Chairman:	Kay Meraw

Twenty-two clubs of the 29 in the Association were represented. There were now over 1500 members in the Association. The Efficiency Award went to Drayton Valley. Some items of discussion at this year's convention were: at club level it is standard procedure for First Vice-President to move up to President's chair. Each secretary of club is responsible to send list of the executive and changes to all Board Members and all clubs immediately after their election.

CONVENTION #17

October 16, 17, 18, 1973

Edmonton, Alberta

(Hosted by Oil Wives Club of Spruce Grove)

Board of Directors

Past President:	Ruth Larson
President:	Liz Johnson
Secretary:	Donna Shaw
Treasurer:	Muriel Coleman
Constitution Chairman:	Dot Shearer
Membership Chairman:	Clarice Jury
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Betty McGee
Nominations Chairman:	Jean Carmichael

A wheel chair was presented to Eric Cormack Center in Memory of Dean Hunter on behalf of the A.O.W.C. Membership. Twenty-nine of 32 clubs were represented; clubs not present were Stettler, Virden, and Leduc. There were 1,532 members in the Association during the 1972-73 year. The Efficiency Award went to Olds this year. A permanent type of Life Membership card suggestion was adapted by A.O.W.C. and is now presented to Life Members. All members attending convention will pay \$2.00 registration fee. (Non-refundable)

CONVENTION #18

October 15, 16, 17, 1974
Fort St. John, British Columbia

Board of Directors

Past President:	Liz Johnson
President:	Dot Shearer
Secretary:	Donna Shaw
Treasurer:	Clarice Jury
Constitution Chairman:	Jean Carmichael
Membership Chairman:	Betty McGee
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Joni Feys
Nominations Chairman:	Muriel Coleman

Twenty-seven of 33 clubs were present, with Burstall, Grande Prairie, St. John's, Stettler, Taber, and Virden absent. There are 1,304 members in the Association, the largest being Calgary with 241 members and Drayton Valley second with 98 members. Per Capita Fees will be raised to \$2.00 from \$1.00 effective November 1975. The Efficiency Award went to Olds, with Whitecourt and Drayton Valley as runners up. Liz Johnson was presented with a Life Membership.

CONVENTION #19

October 21, 22, 23, 1975
Calgary, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Liz Johnson
President:	Dot Shearer
Secretary:	Kilby Kerr
Treasurer:	Donna Shaw
Constitution Chairman:	Betty McGee
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Anne Emery
Membership Chairman:	Muriel Coleman
Nominations Chairman:	Betty Wronko

Thirty Clubs of 30 represented. Three clubs have disbanded St. John's, Nfld., High Level, and Virden Manitoba. There are 1,639 members in the Association during the 1974-1975 term. Calgary club the largest with 210 members. Fort St. John is second with 100 members.

It was decided that all clubs will donate monies for the official favor to the club that is hosting convention. It was also voted on that the Board discontinue paying for delegates Board Dinners. The Efficiency Award went to Brooks Club, with mention of runners up Whitecourt and Edmonton.

CONVENTION #20

October 19, 20, 21, 1976

Edmonton, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Dot Shearer
President:	Donna Shaw
Secretary:	Ruby McCuaig
Treasurer:	Muriel Coleman
Constitution Chairman:	Betty Wronko
Membership Chairman:	Agnes Bifford
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Norma Cunningham
Nominations Chairman:	Peggy Moynahan

This year marked the first year a single favor now call the Official Favor was presented. With donations from all clubs, delegates were presented with a silver oil derrick charm. Edmonton celebrating as the Associations first 25 year Club presented all with a silver coffee spoon. The Efficiency Award was dispensed with for this year. Regina club after 22 years in the Association was disbanding.

CONVENTION #21

October 25, 26, 27, 1977

Banff, Alberta

(Hosted by Oil Wives Club of Calgary)

Board of Directors

Past President:	Dot Shearer
President:	Donna Shaw
Secretary:	Mary Lou Timinski
Treasurer:	Ruby McCuaig
Constitution Chairman:	Peggy Moynahan
Membership Chairman:	Betty Wronko
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Pearl Livingston
Nominations Chairman:	Norma Cunningham

Twenty-six of 29 member clubs were represented. There were no members present from Fox Creek, Dartmouth/Halifax, or Peace River/Grimshaw. There were 1,462 members in the Association.

The idea of a Senior Oil Wives Club, consisting of Life Members and Honorary Presidents was voted down. The Efficiency Award was a tie between Edmonton and Whitecourt. A Life Membership awarded to Mary Lou Timinski. A workshop was held at this convention with several topics pertaining to Oil Wives. A correlation of these minutes was then forwarded to all clubs and a summary was made of these. Board Favor to each club was a large "Friendship Candle".

CONVENTION #22

October 17, 18, 19, 1978

Grande Prairie, Alta.

(Hosted by the Oil Wives Clubs of Valleyview, Grande Prairie, & Fox Creek)

Board of Directors

Past President:	Donna Shaw
President:	Ruby McCuaig
Secretary:	Mary Lou Timinski
Treasurer:	Pearl Livingston
Constitution Chairman:	Peggy Moynahan
Membership Chairman:	Norma Cunningham
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Gayle Christman
Nominations Chairman:	Jeanette Vatter

Twenty-two Clubs of 29 were represented at the convention with a total of 267 attending; only Burstall, Coleville, Fort Nelson, Oxbow, Slave Lake, Swift Current and Taber were not able to attend. The Board Favor this year was a plasticized card imprinted with Creed, Blessing, and Song; these cards are now available to members for \$.25. Membership voted to have Constitution amended or revised. The Efficiency Award was a tie between Brooks and Whitecourt. This year for the first time an award for the most improved club – Award was won by Oil Wives Club of Taber. Life Membership was presented to Donna Shaw.

CONVENTION #23

October 17, 18, 19, 1979

Medicine Hat, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Donna Shaw
President:	Ruby McCuaig
Secretary:	Pearl Livingston
Treasurer:	Gayle Christman
Constitution Chairman:	Mary Lou Timinski
Membership Chairman:	Peggy Moynahan
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Mary Poloway
Nominations Chairman:	Bessie Stevens

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING for purpose of dealing with possible amendments and/or revisions to the Model Constitution. Mary Lou Timinski Constitution Chairman chaired the meeting.

Our organization was incorporated under Federal Companies Act and we received our charter in 1958. A revision was made in 1964.

Main changes involved non-active members, members who became divorced. Word "Chairman" be used consistently.

Twenty-eight of 29 clubs were represented with only St. John's not in attendance. Association has now a central supplier for all pins - Donna Shaw will be our Pin Convenor. The Board Favor was a pin with official A.O.W.C. Crest. The official favor was a stick pin with the convention theme a Treasure Chest on it. The Efficiency Award was a tie and awarded to Brooks and Whitecourt. Most Improved Club was Grande Prairie and they received the award.

CONVENTION #24

October 16, 17, 18, 1980

Red Deer, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Ruby McCuaig
President:	Peggy Moynahan
Secretary:	Pearl Livingston
Treasurer:	Ruth Imler
Constitution Chairman:	Gayle Christman
Membership Chairman:	Mable Watson
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Bessie Stevens
Nominations Chairman:	Mary Poloway

Thirty of 33 Clubs were represented with Burstall, Cold Lake/Grand Center, and Dartmouth/Halifax absent. Insurance for the first time was purchased for the Association. Per capita fees will increase in 1981 to \$3.00 per member. The official favor was a pin with Red Deer Convention on it. The Board Favor was a pin with a "Pump Jack" on it and date. Life Membership presented to Dorthy Shearer. The Efficiency Award won by Dartmouth/Halifax Club and Oxbow was the Most Improved Club.

Much discussion held on whether clubs should become involved in charity work. Some clubs felt 'No' - others felt with the ability to get involved they could fit more readily into their community. Standing Rule added to leave each club make their own decision.

The motto of our club is to remain "FRIENDSHIP", but with Board approval, each club with a majority vote within that club; have the option of donating time and/or money to charitable organizations. This decision is to be stated as a club By-Law and sent to A.O.W.C. Constitution Chairman for approval.

CONVENTION #25
October 15, 16, 17, 1981
Fort St. John, British Columbia

Board of Directors

Past President:	Ruby McCuaig
President:	Peggy Moynahan
Secretary:	Eleanor Butz
Treasurer:	Ruth Imler
Constitution Chairman:	Bessie Stevens
Membership Chairman:	Gayle Christman
Historian/Publicity Chairman:	Lil Ross
Nominations Chairman:	Agnes Bifford

(25th Annual Convention)

Thirty one of 34 Clubs represented with Estevan, Burstall, and Dartmouth/Halifax not represented. Clubs were identified with special attention:

Edmonton	30 years
Calgary	29 years
Stettler	27 years
Coleville	27 years
Estevan	25 years
Red Deer	25 years
Ft. St. John	25 years

The Efficiency Award - Swan Hills and Taber

Most Improved Club - Rocky Mountain House, Alberta

Board Favor - Wine Glasses with Association crest embossed on side "25th Annual Convention"

A memorial to Winnie Thom was presented in the form of an Anniversary/Friendship Candle. Also for the first time a Memory Book was read, this included names of members deceased.

"Keep in your soul a friendly thought, in your heart a friendly song."

CONVENTION #26

October 14, 15, 16, 1982

Regina, Saskatchewan

(Hosted by Oil Wives Club of Oxbow)

Board of Directors

Past President:	Peggy Moynahan
President:	Gayle Christman
Secretary:	Eleanor Butz
Treasurer:	Fay Porteous
Constitution Chairman:	Lil Ross
Membership Chairman:	Bessie Stevens
Historian:	Jeanne Pryndik
Nominations Chairman:	Judy Reimer

There were 33 clubs represented out of 36 active Clubs in the Association. Two new clubs were welcomed, Battleford and Vauxhall. Association Membership total is 1753 members.

The registration fee for convention was raised to \$10.00 from \$2.00. Workshops have been popular at convention, one planned again for this year. Board Favor: Small Liquor Glass embossed with A.O.W.C. Crest, place and year.

The Links of Friendship booklet was presented to all members. Coleville and Oxbow celebrated their 25 years in the Association by having Brenda McGillis and Sherlynn Best put their Clubs names on the Banner and Anniversary/Friendship Candle.

Efficiency winner: Whitecourt 99.7%, Runners up: Medicine Hat and Oxbow. The Most Improved Award was presented to Spruce Grove. This award has now been renamed and shall be known as the "Davison Award" in recognition of all the contributions made by Altha Davison to the Association.

CONVENTION #27

Date: October 13, 14, 15, 1983

Edmonton, Alberta

(Hosted by Oil Wives Club of Drayton Valley)

Board of Directors

Past President	Peggy Moynahan
President:	Gayle Christman
Secretary:	Judy Reimer
Treasurer:	Fay Porteous
Constitution Chairman:	Eleanor Butz
Membership Chairman:	Jeanne Pryndik
Historian:	Peggy Metcalf
Nominations Chairman:	Kaye Henshall

33 of 36 Clubs were represented. Record number of 550 delegates attending: Three clubs celebrated their 25th Anniversary, and were added to the Banner and Anniversary Candle: Drayton Valley, Swift Current, and Whitecourt.

Delegates answered roll call with an "Expression of Friendship". These words put in booklet and presented to all clubs the next year. Along with this theme an award was presented to Leduc as the Friendliest Club at Convention.

The Life Members of the A.O.W.C. took on this award as their personal contribution to the Association.

The Constitution Chairman announced that changes were made through Canadian Consumer Affairs, who we are registered with, to change 3 By-Laws. These matters had been discussed in January 1983 when proper notice was given to all directors and an extra-ordinary meeting held April 15, 1983 when all amendments were carried unanimously.

An inquiry was also made by directors, according to our "Letter Patent" regarding the formation of an Oil Wives Club from another country. Due to problems previous directors and applicants had in formation and acceptance this board felt that as our Government Authority found no objection and the new groups received permission from their local governmental authority they would be considered for membership. A motion was passed (29-1) in favor at this convention.

New clubs, such as ones mentioned in "Links of Friendship" who were unable to join the Association could now legally be accepted. Women who had followed their husbands to foreign lands could now join Oil Wives. A way was found to include our friends from afar. Yet another link is added.

The Oil Wives Club of Oklahoma was accepted into the Association. Ethel Molchan was present and accepted the gavel and charter on behalf of her club.

Drayton Valley put on a very special convention to celebrate their 25 years and one to remember.

A new Past Presidents Pin was presented to all Past Presidents of the Board of Directors of the A.O.W.C.

Efficiency Award was won by Edmonton and Drayton Valley both with 100%. First Runner-up was Fort St. John at 99%. The Davison Most Improved Award was presented to Stettler with a 51% increase.

Official Favor was a Black Crest with the A.O.W.C. emblem imprinted in gold embroidery.

CONVENTION #28

Date: October 11, 12, 13, 1984

Grande Prairie, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Gayle Christman
President:	Eleanor Butz
Secretary:	Peggy Metcalfe
Treasurer:	Jean Holman
Constitution Chairman:	Fay Porteous
Membership Chairman:	Jeanne Pryndik
Historian:	Kaye Henshall
Nominations Chairman:	Sherrill Hoffort.

34 of 35 Clubs were represented. Vauxhall and Fox Creek have disbanded. Official Favor was a ceramic black mug with the official A.O.W.C. Crest in gold.

The delegates' meeting was revamped. President wrote all clubs to submit topic for discussion prior to convention. An agenda was then set up and forwarded to all delegates. A meeting format was followed with the President of the A.O.W.C. chairing the meeting and the secretary and treasurer in attendance. Once this agenda was gone over recommendations were submitted, delegates met for "private" discussion. In all it was felt that this was a much more productive Delegate meeting format. BUT, delegates have to be more alert to their clubs activities, must be more knowledgeable to A.O.W.C. official rulings and prepared to BRING back to their club a much more intense report.

Scrolls were presented to Clubs who have achieved 25 years (and plus) in the A.O.W.C. This will now be an official presentation to the celebrating club. Prior they have only had their name on the Banner and the Friendship/Anniversary Candle.

Edmonton - 33 years Calgary - 32 years Stettler - 30 years
Estevan, Coleville, Red Deer, Fort St. John, Oxbow, Drayton Valley, Swift Current and Whitecourt, all received 25 Year Scrolls.

The Efficiency Award was officially renamed the "Donna Shaw Efficiency Award" to honor Donna for her numerous contributions to the A.O.W.C. including her job as Pin Convener. This is an enormous job and one she handles with expertise. The winner this year was Whitecourt (Donna's own club), with runners up Fort St. John and Slave Lake.

The Davison Award was present to the most improved club, Calgary, Runner-up: Slave Lake. All clubs were presented with a book like plaque with Creed, Motto, & Blessing etched in black and gold.

The Foster Friendship Award went to Medicine Hat and a Life Membership was awarded to Peggy Moynahan.

CONVENTION #29

October 17, 18, 19, 1985

Edmonton, Alberta

(Hosted by the Oil Wives Club of Sherwood Park)

Board of Directors

Past President:	Gayle Christman
President:	Eleanor Butz
Secretary:	Peggy Metcalfe
Treasurer:	Jean Holman
Constitution Chairman:	Sherrill Hoffort
Membership Chairman:	Kaye Henshall
Historian:	Beth Dales
Nominations Chairman:	Jeanne Pryndik

34 of 35 Clubs were represented with 545 ladies in attendance. Sherwood Park and Olds celebrated their 25 years in the A.O.W.C. Their special anniversary was put on the Banner and on the Friendship/Anniversary Candle and they each received their scroll.

A new Club was introduced, Islamabad, Pakistan. How nice it is to finally to be able accept officially Oil Wives who are living in foreign lands, and to Foster Friendship to another part of our world is very special.

The life members "Foster Friendship Award" was presented to Medicine Hat. The "Donna Shaw Efficiency Award" was won by Slave Lake with 100%. The "Davison Award" for most improved Club was awarded to Kindersley.

This year we paid special tribute to 98 members who have reached their 25 years as a member of an Oil Wives Club. As long as she has had membership in any of our A.O.W.C. Clubs and recorded 25 years (not consecutive) her home club can submit her name to the A.O.W.C. in June and she will receive this special pin which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting (Convention).

Founder of the, A.O.W.C., Dean Hunter held the "first" formation meeting in her kitchen in 1951 and three ladies attended. Arlene Hanna still an active member of Edmonton Club received the first pin on behalf of that meeting and behalf of all members. This was a very well accepted new tradition.

Past President's Community Award was presented for first time to recognize Clubs who participate in their own home communities. This was awarded as an acknowledgement of Clubs participation in local functions and to encourage Clubs to seek alternative ways to foster friendship. Spruce Grove was the winner and also received a scroll.

Tote Bags were the official Board favor and girls have reported many a varied use of theirs.

Lil Ross was presented with a Life Membership.

CONVENTION #30

October 16, 17, 18, 1986

Lethbridge, Alberta

(Hosted by the Oil Wives Club of Brooks)

Board of Directors

Past President:	Eleanor Butz
President:	Jean Holman
Secretary:	Myrna Bushell
Treasurer:	Peggy Metcalfe
Constitution Chairman:	Judy Savage
Membership Chairman:	Kaye Henshall
Historian:	Beth Dales
Nominations Chairman:	Bea Wickens

Represented were 34 of 36 Clubs. St. John's, Newfoundland and Islamabad, Pakistan were unable to attend. Nine Life Members were in attendance.

Swan Hills celebrated their 25th Anniversary, and Edmonton celebrated their 35th Anniversary.

It was announced that the Oil Wives Club of Oklahoma City had disbanded and the Oil Wives Club of High Level had re-organized. Their name was placed on the Banner by Thelma Buchan.

All members belonging to the A.O.W.C. were sent a set of coasters, one black and one white with our A.O.W.C. Crest embossed in gold. Only delegates who attended convention received a scarf, black and white with A.O.W.C. Crest imprinted. The Edmonton girls gave a brief scarf-tying demonstration. This favor has proven to be one of the most popular. The Club favors were Pearl Earrings.

The Association has now a membership of 1861 members, and increase of 32 from last year.

The Foster Friendship Award and the Past President's Community Award were presented with the idea of positive reinforcement for fostering friendships within the A.O.W.C. and the community. Due to negative feelings expressed these awards were retired.

At the Friday morning session a money investor and a lawyer presented the assembly with an informative talk on women, their money, and women's legal issues. The Oil Wives Club of Leduc also presented a short "Conduct a Meeting Session".

From a suggestion received nominees to the Board were given questions pertaining to official A.O.W.C. rules, By-Laws or asked their personal interpretations of situations. All answered with knowledge and expertise. We have a very well informed Board of Directors. Variety is the "Spice of Life" and each year it adds to the excitement of our elections to have a different type of campaign.

Ten more members received their 25 year pins commemorating their years in Oil Wives. Quite an accomplishment to belong to any Club for so long speaks well of our Association.

Donna Shaw Efficiency Award was won by Fort St. John. There were four runners-up all within 1% of their 99.79%. Davison Award for most improved Club went to Estevan with Grande Prairie as runner-up.

Life Membership was presented to Gayle Christman.

CONVENTION #31

October 15, 16, 17, 1987

Calgary, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Eleanor Butz
President:	Jean Holman
Secretary:	Myrna Bushell
Treasurer:	Peggy Metcalfe
Constitution Chairman:	Judy Savage
Membership Chairman:	Bea Wickens
Historian:	Verna Pengelly
Nominations Chairman:	Trudy Jackson

34 of 36 Clubs were represented. St. John's, Newfoundland and Islamabad, Pakistan were absent. "Charter Member" Pins were introduced with Medicine Hat presenting them at the 20th Anniversary. This pin is now available to clubs to present to charter members only.

The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award was won by Taber. 16 Clubs had 95% or more. The Davison Award was won by Cold Lake/Grand Center.

CONVENTION #32
Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1, 1988
Swift Current, Saskatchewan

Board of Directors

Past President:	Jean Holman
President:	Peggy Metcalfe
Secretary:	Frances Toner
Treasurer:	Myrna Bushell
Constitution Chairman:	Trudy Jackson
Membership Chairman:	Bea Wickens
Historian:	Verna Pengelly
Nominations Chairman:	Alberta Weinrauch

31 of 36 Clubs were represented. It was with regrets the announcement was made that Dartmouth/Halifax, Islamabad had disbanded. A new club, the Oil Wives Club of Edson was officially welcomed into the Association and received their charter and gavel.

There are a total of 1685 members in the Association. There are also 155 ladies who have already received their 25 Year Membership pins from A.O.W.C.

The Donna Shaw Efficiency winner was Medicine Hat. The Runners-up were a tie with Lloydminster & Swift Current. The Davison Award winner was Coleville.

Life Membership awarded to Eleanor Butz. She compiled the history of Association for the original "Links of Friendship" and revamped delegates' meeting structure.

CONVENTION #33

October 12, 13, 14, 1989

Edmonton, Alberta

(Hosted by the Oil Wives Club of Leduc)

Board of Directors

Past President:	Jean Holman
President:	Peggy Metcalfe
Secretary:	Fran Toner
Treasurer:	Trudy Jackson
Constitution Chairman:	Myrna Bushell
Membership Chairman:	Katherine Wanner
Historian:	Delores Achen
Nominations Chairman:	Verna Pengelly

The 33rd annual convention hosted 32 of 34 Clubs with the announcement that St. John's and Battleford have disbanded. Nancy Goruk received the charter and the gavel for the newest club the Oil Wives Clubs of Rimbey-Ponoka.

The Oil Wives Club of Brooks celebrated their 25th Anniversary in the Association.

Life Member Eleanor Butz presented the Association with a lasting memento that can officially record the names of members who have attained 25 years in A.O.W.C. (a golden bowl on a wooden stand).

Total Membership for the Association is 1624. The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award winner was Beaumont, the first runner-up was Whitecourt. The Davison Award winner for most improved was Grande Prairie (52.92%).

A Life Membership was awarded to Ruby McCuaig.

CONVENTION #34

October 11, 12, 13, 1990

Red Deer, Alberta

Board of Directors

Past President:	Peggy Metcalfe
President:	Fran Toner
Secretary:	Delores Achen
Treasurer:	Trudy Jackson
Constitution Chairman:	Myrna Bushell
Membership Chairman:	Verna Pengelly
Historian:	Katherine Wanner
Nomination Chairman:	Sherlyne Best

33 of 34 Clubs were represented. The total membership in the Association is 1531. There are now 217 ladies have attained 25 years as an Oil Wife.

The subject on non-active members was brought up at the delegates meeting. All members were asked to write suggestions to a representative or group of Past President of A.O.W.C.

Colleen Wearmouth of the Oil Wives Club of Grande Prairie presented the Association with a framed "Letter of Patent". Debra Allison of the Oil Wives Club of Swift Current presented a Convention Banner to be passed along each year.

The Oil Wives Club of Grande Prairie, Slave Lake, and Burstall celebrated their 25th Anniversaries.

The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award winner was Fort St. John with 100%. The Davison Award winner was Leduc with an improvement of 29.58%.

CONVENTION #35

October 16, 17, 18, 1991

Lethbridge, Alberta

(Hosted by the Oil Wives Club of Taber)

Board of Directors

Past President:	Peggy Metcalfe
President:	Fran Toner
Secretary:	Delores Achen
Treasurer:	Verna Pengelly
Constitution Chairman:	Sherlynn Best
Membership Chairman:	Myrna Bushell
Historian:	Vicky Flesher
Nominations Chairman:	Val Kubicek.

Representatives from 32 of 33 Clubs were present, a total of 1403 members now belong to the Association. With regret it was announced that the Oil Wives Club of Edson has disbanded.

Kathy Sutton of the Oil Wives Club of Rocky Mountain House and Helen Ardnt of the Oil Wives Club of Taber represented their clubs on the occasion of their clubs 25 years in the Association. The Oil Wives Club of Edmonton celebrated their 40th Anniversary.

The committee of Past Presidents recommended that the non-active issue be dealt with immediately. A motion was brought forward for an extra-ordinary meeting to be held

at next year's convention to re-write the non-active membership sections of the Constitution.

The Donna Shaw Efficiency winner was won by the Oil Wives Club of Taber with 100%. The Davison Award winner for most improved was presented to the Oil Wives Club of Kindersley with a 41% improvement.

A Life Membership was awarded to Arlene Hanna. She was a charter member of the organizational meeting of Oil Wives in 1951.

CONVENTION #36
October 15, 16, 17, 1992
Fort St. John, British Columbia

Board of Directors

Past President:	Fran Toner	Edmonton
President:	Myrna Bushell	Medicine Hat
Secretary:	Sherlynn Best	Oxbow
Treasurer:	May Barker	Drayton Valley
Constitution Chairman:	Mae Brewer	Estevan
Membership Chairman:	Delores Achen	Calgary
Historian:	Vicky Flesher	Leduc
Nominations Chairman:	*	

*(Position was combined with Past President for a trial two year period)

32 of 33 Clubs were represented with a total membership of 1342 in the Association. Three Oil Wives Clubs celebrated 25 years in the Association, Medicine Hat, Peace River/Grimshaw, and Valley view. The Oil Wives Club of Calgary celebrated their 40th Anniversary.

Donna Shaw is still Pin Chairman with an inventory value of \$6,000.00.

Extra Ordinary Meeting: was held to further discuss the issue of changing #10 of Model Constitution. A motion was placed on the floor and acted upon. The results of vote was later found to not be within the percentage required to pass the motion so therefore will be dealt with at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award winner was Oxbow. The Davison Award for most improved winner was Slave Lake.

The official Board Favor was a glass jar with the A.O.W.C. Crest embossed on the side.

CONVENTION #37

October 14, 15, 16, 1993

Edmonton, Alberta

(Hosted by the Oil Wives Club of Drayton Valley)

Theme: "Back to the 60's"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Fran Toner	Edmonton
President:	Myrna Bushell	Medicine Hat
Secretary:	Sherlynn Best	Oxbow
Treasurer:	May Barker	Drayton Valley
Constitution Chairman:	Mae Brewer	Estevan
Membership Chairman:	Vicky Flesher	Leduc
Historian:	Dorothy Reeves	Coronation
Nominations Chairman:	*Jeanne Pryndik	Fort St. John

*(Appointed by the Board of Directors to serve in this position)

33 of 33 Clubs were represented, 1250 members are now in the Association. A workshop of excerpts from minutes of past conventions was presented by Mae Brewer, Vicky Flesher, Dorothy Reeves and Jeanne Pryndik.

The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award was won by Medicine Hat with 99.65%, the runner-up was Fort St. John with 98.96%, and an honourable mention went to Oxbow with 98.57%. The Davison Award went to Rimbey/Ponoka with a 24.47% improvement; runner-up was Spruce Grove with a 20.67% improvement.

No Life Membership awarded this year and the board favor was a Manicure set.

CONVENTION #38

October 13, 14, 15, 1994

Estevan, Saskatchewan

(Hosted by Oil Wives Clubs of Estevan and Oxbow at Beefeater Inn)

Theme: "Beach Party"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Myrna Bushell	Medicine Hat
President:	Mae Brewer	Estevan
Secretary:	Vivian Politylo	Lloydminster
Treasurer:	Darlene Rowbotham	Red Deer
Constitution Chairman:	Joyce Hayduk	Drayton Valley
Membership Chairman:	Vicky Flesher	Leduc
Historian:	Kathy Sutton	Rocky Mountain House
Nominations Chairman:	Dorothy Reeves	Coronation

30 of the 33 Clubs were represented at convention this year. The Oil Wives Club of Pincher Creek has rejoined the Association. The question to be answered for the roll call was “What ideas do you have for future workshops and what are your clubs membership dues?”

The Oil Wives Club of Brooks celebrated their 30th Anniversary and the Oil Wives Club of Stettler celebrates 40 years in the Association this year.

Donna Shaw retires after 15 years as Pin Chairman of the A.O.W.C.

The Oil Wives Club of Beaumont was the winner of the Donna Shaw Efficiency Award with 99.31%. The first runner-up was Medicine Hat with 98.93%, honourable mention goes to Spruce Grove with 98.61% and Okotoks with 98.62%. The Davison Award for most improved was won by Stettler.

A Life Membership was awarded to Peggy Metcalfe of the Oil Wives Club of Drayton Valley.

CONVENTION #39

October 13, 14, 15, 1995

Calgary, Alberta

Held at Crossroad Hotel Inn

Theme: “Pioneers-Western”

Board of Directors

Past President:	Myrna Bushell	Medicine Hat
President:	Mae Brewer	Estevan
Secretary:	Vivian Politylo	Lloydminster
Treasurer:	Darlene Rowbotham	Red Deer
Constitution Chairman:	Joyce Hayduk	Drayton Valley
Membership Chairman:	Dorothy Reeves	Coronation
Historian:	Kathy Sutton	Rocky Mountain House
Nominations Chairman:	Arlene Beaudet	Slave Lake

31 of 34 Clubs were represented. Roll Call: “Most enjoyable project of activity that your club does”. The workshop was an open forum and was well received by the majority of delegates.

The A.O.W.C. was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Board Member Dorothy Reeves. Spruce Grove celebrates their 25th Anniversary while Slave Lake, Grande Prairie, and Burstall celebrate their 30th Anniversaries.

The Board favor was a mini portfolio, the convention favor (given by the host club) was a picture frame. The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award winner was Medicine Hat with 100%, runner-up was Oxbow with 99.65%, honourable mention goes to Red

Deer with 99.64% and Lloydminster with 98.61%%. The Davison Award winner was Taber with 45.8% improvement; runner-up was Kindersley with a 10.42%.

A Life Membership was awarded to Jean Holman.

CONVENTION #40

October 18, 19, 20, 1996

Medicine Hat, Alberta

Held at Medicine Hat Lodge

Theme: "Hawaiian Style in the Sunny South"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Mae Brewer	Estevan
President:	Darlene Rowbotham	Red Deer
Secretary:	Trudy Jensen	Beaumont
Treasurer:	Arlene Beaudet	Slave Lake
Constitution Chairman:	Vivian Politylo	Lloydminster
Membership Chairman:	Sherlynn Best	Oxbow
Historian:	Joyce Hayduk	Drayton Valley
Nominations Chairman:	Bunny Coutney	Calgary

32 of 33 Clubs were represented at convention. The Oil Wives Club of Pincher Creek was absent. The old Links of Friendship Banner was retired (Made by Oil Wives Club of Brooks) a new Banner (Made by Oil Wives Club of Calgary) was unveiled to commemorate their 40th Anniversary.

The roll call question for the Annual General Meeting was "Does your club have Honorary or Life members and how many?" The work shop was the life and times of our Life Members and their experiences in the oil patch and Oil Wives.

The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award went to Beaumont with 100%, 1st Runner-up was Oxbow with 99.71%, and 2nd Runner-up was Lloydminster with 97.41%. The Davison Award for most improved went to Grande Prairie with a 65.58% improvement and the Runner-up was Cold Lake/Grande Center with 45.51%.

Celebrating 30 years with the Association are the Oil Wives Club of Rocky Mountain House and Taber. The Oil Wives Clubs of Estevan, Fort St. John, Red Deer are celebrating 40th Anniversaries.

No Life Membership was awarded.

CONVENTION #41

October 16, 17, 18, 1997

Slave Lake, Alberta

Held at Sawridge Hotel

Theme: "Nursery Rhymes"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Mae Brewer	Estevan
President:	Darlene Rowbotham	Red Deer
Secretary:	Trudy Jensen	Beaumont
Treasurer:	Arlene Beaudet	Slave Lake
Constitution Chairman:	Gale Walper	Medicine Hat
Membership Chairman:	Vivian Politylo	Lloydminster
Historian:	Joyce Hayduk	Drayton Valley
Nominations Chairman:	Bunny Coutney	Calgary

There were 32 of 34 Clubs represented. The Oil Wives Clubs of High Level and Burstall were absent. Memberships in the Association were 978 Active, 98 Non-active, and 19 Life for a total membership of 1095.

The workshop included a guest speaker from the RCMP and film on winter games. The Board favor was a removable key chain in gold with Association Crest embossed.

Life Member Jean Kirkpatrick name was read from Memory Book. The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award winner was Sherwood Park with 98.3%, 1st Runner-up was Drayton Valley with 98.16% and 2nd Runner-up was Beaumont with 97.88%. The Davison Award went to Slave Lake with a 10.77% improvement.

No Life Membership was awarded.

CONVENTION #42

October 1, 2, 3, 1998

Brooks, Alberta

Held at the Heritage Inn

Theme: "Medieval Masquerade"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Darlene Rowbotham	Red Deer
President:	Arlene Beaudet	Slave Lake
Secretary:	Gale Walper	Medicine Hat
Treasurer:	Trudy Jensen	Beaumont
Constitution Chairman:	Bunny Coutney	Calgary
Membership Chairman:	Vivian Politylo	Lloydminster
Historian:	Shirley Wanner	Okotoks
Nominations Chairman:	Mavis Degeer	Peace River/Grimshaw

31 of 32 Clubs were represented at convention. The Oil Wives Club of Burstall was absent: Burstall. A total of 389 ladies registered for Convention. Total Membership in Association was 1110.

Several Board Members attended the Red Water 50th Anniversary Celebration in the town and a report was given. The Oil Wives Clubs of Leduc and Coronation celebrated their 25th Anniversaries.

The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award winner was Fort St. John with 100%, 1st Runner-up was Oxbow with 98.62%, and 2nd Runner-up was Beaumont with 96.0%. The Davison Award winner for most Improved was Swift Current.

The workshop was a Mock Board Meeting presented by the current A.O.W.C. Board Members. The club favor given by the hosting club was a black and gold pendant of an oil drop with a derrick, on a gold chain. The Board favor was bookmark with the Gold and Black A.O.W.C. Crest.

A Life Membership was awarded to Fran Toner.

CONVENTION #43

October 14, 15, 16, 1999

Edmonton, Alberta

Held at the Ramada Inn (Hosted by the Oil Wives Club of Beaumont)

Theme: "Party of the Century"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Darlene Bates	Red Deer
President:	Arlene Beaudet	Slave Lake
Secretary:	Gale Walper	Medicine Hat
Treasurer:	Trudy Jensen	Beaumont
Constitution Chairman:	Mavis Degeer	Peace River/Grimshaw
Membership Chairman:	Bunny Coutney	Calgary
Historian:	Vivian Politylo	Lloydminster
Nominations Chairman:	Shirley Wanner	Okotoks

31 of 34 Clubs were represented at convention this year. Absent were the Oil Wives Clubs of Burstall and High Level. Welcomed to the A.O.W.C. was the new club of The Oil Wives Club of Rainbow Lake. Sharyle Sieben received their charter and gavel. Registration for the convention was a total of 399 ladies. The total membership in the Association was 1048.

The workshop was an entertainer who goes by "The Divine Ms. M." (very well received, cost \$2,500.00). At the Board Dinner 20 ladies received their 25 Year Membership Pins. The club favor was magnetic white board calendar with removable ink marker. The Board favor black umbrella with A.O.W.C. Crest.

The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award winner was Beaumont with 99.35%, 1st Runner-up was Slave Lake with 98.89%, and 2nd Runner-up was Oxbow with 98.27%. The Davison Award winner for most improved club was Swift Current with 44.65%, the Runner-up was Cold Lake/Grand Center with 29.45%.

A Life Membership was awarded to Sherrill Hoffort.

CONVENTION #44

October 12, 13, 14, 2000

Estevan, Saskatchewan

Held at the Beefeater Motor Inn

Theme: "Halloween Party"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Arlene Beaudet	Slave Lake
President:	Vivian Politylo	Lloydminster
Secretary:	Mavis Degeer	Peace River/Grimshaw
Treasurer:	Gale Walper	Medicine Hat
Constitution Chairman:	Trudy Jensen	Beaumont
Membership Chairman:	Shirley Wanner	Okotoks
Historian:	Bunny Coutney	Calgary
Nominations Chairman:	Mary Beecroft	Brooks

At convention 29 of 34 Clubs were represented. The absent were the Oil Wives Clubs of Burstall, Cold Lake/Grande Center, High Level, Rainbow Lake and Whitecourt. A total of 268 ladies registered for convention. Total Membership in the Association was 1006. Our new club of The Oil Wives Club of Unity received their charter and gavel by their President Kirsten Guggenmos.

For the workshop once again we were entertained, this time The Johner Brothers performed. The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award winner was Slave Lake with 100%, 1st Runner-up was Beaumont with 99.67%, and 2nd Runner-up was Swan Hills with 98.57%. The Davison Award winner for most improved was Rocky Mountain House. The Board favors were Photo Albums with A.O.W.C. Crest.

A Life Membership was awarded to Bessie Stevens.

CONVENTION #45

October 11, 12, 13, 2001

Grande Prairie, Alberta

Held at the Golden Inn Hotel

Theme: "Salute to Broadway"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Arlene Beaudet	Slave Lake
President:	Gale Walper	Medicine Hat
Secretary:	Bunny Coutney	Calgary
Treasurer:	Mavis Degeer	Peace River/Grimshaw
Constitution Chairman:	Mary Beecroft	Brooks
Membership Chairman:	Trudy Jensen	Beaumont
Historian:	Patsy Smith	Grande Prairie
Nominations Chairman:	Marie Hoffort	Estevan

30 of 34 Clubs were represented at Convention. The Oil Wives Clubs of Burstall, High Level, Swift Current and Unity were absent. Total membership in the Association was 962. At convention 329 ladies registered. In the spring of this year all Board Members with the exception of Marie Hoffort were able to attend the Memorial service of Honorary A.O.W.C. President Emily McKay.

A new Song was implemented "Angels among Us" to be played at the Saturday night Board Dinner while A.O.W.C. Membership Chairman reads from the Memory Book.

The Oil Wives Club of Edmonton celebrated their 50th Anniversary. They were presented from the A.O.W.C. a new Friendship Candle as well as a Certificate for attaining 50 years. The Arlene Hanna 50 Years of Foster Friendship Award was implemented, with Arlene Hanna receiving a 50 Year Founding Members Pin. The New Plaque will be engraved with all ladies attaining 50 Years membership and the A.O.W.C. 50 year Pins will be added to the presentations. Three ladies received 50 Year Pins, Arlene Hanna, Altha Davison, and Irene Fyfe. 12 ladies received their 25-year pins.

The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award winner was Beaumont with 99.67%, 1st Runner-up was Swan Hills with 98.57%, and 2nd Runner-up was Oxbow with 96.28%. The Davison Award winner was Rainbow Lake with a 55.56% improvement, the Runner-up was Estevan with 38%.

The club favors were Day Timers/Oil Wives Meeting Night Calendar. Our workshop was a Hypnotist. The Board favor was travel clock with the A.O.W.C. Crest embossed on it.

A Life Membership was awarded to Madeleine Maloney.

CONVENTION #46

October 16, 17 & 18, 2002

Red Deer, Alberta

Hosted by the Oil Wives Club of Rocky Mountain House

Theme: "A Rocky Mountain Christmas"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Gale Walper	Medicine Hat
President:	Mary Beecroft	Brooks
Secretary:	Marie Hoffort	Estevan
Treasurer:	Mavis Degeer	Peace River/Grimshaw
Constitution Chairman:	Bunny Coutney	Calgary
Membership Chairman:	Trudy Jensen	Beaumont
Historian:	Patsy Smith	Grande Prairie
Nominations Chairman:	Karen Ebel	Lloydminster

Total Clubs in Attendance was 30 out of 33. The 3 clubs that were absent were - the Oil Wives Clubs of Burstall, Unity, and Cold Lake/Grand Centre. Oil Wives Club of High Level, Alta. disbanded. Total membership in the Association is 958; Active - 856; Non-active - 82; and Life Members - 20. Registered ladies for convention were 404 of which 16 were Life Members.

Club Anniversaries: Oil Wives Club of Oxbow - 45 years; Oil Wives Club of Medicine Hat - 35 years and the Oil Wives Club of Peace River/Grimshaw - 35 years. The Oil Wives Club of Calgary celebrated 50 years in the Association. they were presented with a candle from the Association as well as certificates

The workshop was singer entertainer Kimberly Simon at a cost of \$250.00. The A.G.M. Roll Call - (in 50 words or less) - What is your club's most memorable Convention travel event, humorous or otherwise. The Board favors were gold Heart Christmas Tree Ornaments. The hosting club favors were Christmas Collector Plates delivered in Santa Stockings on Saturday's morning wake-up along with other goodies.

15 ladies received their A.O.W.C. 25 year pins. 2 ladies received their A.O.W.C. 50 year pins with names engraved on the Arlene Hanna Award. Jean Gorrell, Calgary and Marj Oveson, Medicine Hat. 4 ladies names were added to the Memory Book. . Davison Most Improved Award went to the Oil Wives Club of Burstall (38.76%); 1st Runner-up was the Oil Wives Club of Rainbow Lake (25.76%); 2nd Runner-up was the Oil Wives Club of Olds (17.32%). Donna Shaw Efficiency Award went to the Oil Wives Club of Beaumont (99.41%); 1st Runner-up was the Oil Wives Club of Fort St. John (99.33%); 2nd Runner-up was the Oil Wives Club of Slave Lake (98.625%). Retiring Board Members awarded with the Association watch were Mavis Degeer, Bunny Coutney and Trudy Jensen. Installation of New Board with oaths.

A Life Membership was awarded to Pearl Livingston from the Oil Wives Club of Leduc.

CONVENTION #47

October 2, 3, 4, 2003

Slave Lake, Alberta

Held at the Sawridge Hotel

Theme: "Come Nest with Us"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Gale Walper	Medicine Hat
President:	Mary Beecroft	Brooks
Secretary:	Marie Hoffort	Estevan
Treasurer:	Karen Ebel	Lloydminster
Constitution Chairman	Kathy Conklin	Medicine Hat
Membership Chairman:	Patsy Smith	Grande Prairie
Historian:	Darlene Hansen	Rimbey-Ponoka
Nominations Chairman:	Fern Hulgaard	Rocky Mountain House

Represented at convention were 28 of 34 Clubs. Absent: Oil Wives Clubs of Burstall, Coleville, Kindersley, Olds, Rainbow Lake and Unity. Registered ladies for convention were 288. A total membership for the Association was 911: Active – 823, Non-active – 67 and Life members – 21.

A new club joined the Association, Oil Wives Club of Dodsland, Saskatchewan. Charter Member Glenda Turner accepted their charter and gavel. The Official Board Favor was pens.

Club Anniversaries: Oil Wives Club of Coronation – 30 years; Leduc – 30 years; Drayton Valley – 45 years; Swift Current – 45 years and Whitecourt – 45 years.

Workshop – speaker from the Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory (Mr. Bob Deacon).

16 Ladies received A.O.W.C. 25 year pins. 2 Ladies received A.O.W.C. 50 year pins. The Davison Most Improved Award – 2nd runner up was the Oil Wives Club of Peace River/Grimshaw (20.35%); 1st runner up was Whitecourt (22.27%) and the Winner – Drayton Valley (31.26%). The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award – 2nd runner up was the Oil Wives Club of Peace River/Grimshaw (96.21%); 1st runner up – Rimby/Ponoka (97.59%); Winner – Medicine Hat (100%)

A Life Membership awarded to Adrienne McArldle from the Oil Wives Club of Sherwood Park.

CONVENTION #48

October 21, 22, 23, 2004

Regina, Saskatchewan

Held at the Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre

(Hosted by the Oil Wives Club of Oxbow)

Theme: "Frontier Days"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Mary Beecroft	Brooks
President:	Marie Hoffort	Estevan
Secretary:	Karen Ebel	Lloydminster
Treasurer:	Eleanor Butz	Edmonton
Constitution Chairman:	Kathy Conklin	Medicine Hat
Membership Chairman:	Patsy Smith	Grande Prairie
Historian:	Fern Hulgaard	Rocky Mountain House
Nominations Chairman:	Cindy Jarmolicz	Stettler

There were 29 of 33 Clubs represented at convention. Absent were the Oil Wives Clubs of Burstall, Cold Lake/Grande Centre, Olds and Rainbow Lake. Registered ladies for convention was 272. The total membership in the Association is 903, Active – 820; Non-Active – 63; Life Members – 20.

The Oil Wives Clubs of Doddsland and Unity have disbanded. Glenda Turner was again instrumental in the formation of new club, the Oil Wives Club of Vegreville.

The Official Board Favor was a Travel Manicure Set and the Club Favor was also a Manicure Set. Seems great minds think alike.

Clubs celebrating anniversaries were the Oil Wives Club of Cold Lake/Grande Centre – 25 years; Brooks – 40 years; Coleville – 50 years and Stettler – 50 years.

A.O.W.C. President Marie Hoffort & Convention Chairman Sherlynn Best were interviewed briefly following the annual general meeting by CTV News which was aired on the Oct. 23, 2004 evening news.

Receiving their A.O.W.C. 25 year pins were 11 ladies and 3 ladies received their 50 year pins. The Davison Most Improved Award – 1st runner up – Oil Wives Club of Cold Lake/Grande Centre (23.98%); Winner – Coleville (40.22%). Donna Shaw Efficiency Award – 2nd runner up – Oil Wives Club of Rocky Mountain House (97.85%); 1st runner up – Medicine Hat (98.27%); Winner – Peace River/Grimshaw (98.88%)

Life Membership was awarded to Mae Brewer from the Oil Wives Club of Estevan.

CONVENTION #49

October 20, 21, 22, 2005

Nisku, Alberta

Held at the Nisku Inn & Conference Centre

(Hosted by the Oil Wives Club of Leduc)

Theme: "Mardi Gras"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Mary Beecroft	Brooks
President:	Marie Hoffort	Estevan
Secretary:	Karen Ebel	Lloydminster
Treasurer:	Eleanor Butz	Edmonton
Constitution Chairman:	Patsy Smith	Grande Prairie
Membership Chairman:	Fern Hulgaard	Rocky Mountain House
Historian:	Kathy Conklin	Medicine Hat
Nominations Chairman:	Cindy Jarmolicz	Stettler

Represented at convention were 28 of 32 Clubs. Absent were the Oil Wives Clubs of Burstall, Cold Lake/Grand Centre, Coleville & Rainbow Lake. Registered ladies for convention were 386. Total membership in the Association is 904; Active - 821; Non-active - 60; Life - 23. Oil Wives Club of Olds disbanded.

The Official Board Favor was Garment Bags. Clubs celebrating anniversaries were the Oil Wives Club of Spruce Grove - 35 years; Burstall - 40 years; Slave Lake - 40 years; Grande Prairie - 40 years and Sherwood Park - 45 years.

21 ladies received their A.O.W.C. 25 year pins. There were no presentations for 50 Years Membership Pins.

The Davison Most Improved Award - 1st runner up was the Oil Wives Club of Slave Lake (19.63%); Winner - Sherwood Park (28.06%). The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award - 2nd runner up was the Oil Wives Club of Rimbey/Ponoka (97.86%); 1st runner up - Rocky Mountain House (98.28%); Winner - Medicine Hat (99.17%).

Life Membership was awarded to Altha Davison from the Oil Wives Club of Edmonton.

CONVENTION #50

October 12, 13, 14, 2006

Edmonton, Alberta

Held at the FantasyLand Hotel

Hosted by the A.O.W.C. Past Presidents with all Clubs participating

Theme: "Back to the Future"

Board of Directors

Past President:	Marie Hoffort	Estevan
President:	Karen Ebel	Lloydminster
Secretary:	Patsy Smith	Grande Prairie
Treasurer:	Fern Hulgaard	Rocky Mountain House
Constitution Chairman:	Eleanor Butz	Edmonton
Membership Chairman:	Kathy Conklin	Medicine Hat
Historian:	Cindy Jarmolicz	Stettler
Nominations Chairman:	Cindy Jarmolicz (for one term only)	

The Theme "Back to the Future" included three different eras. Thursday Dinner was celebrated in "50's" style to commemorate the beginning of Oil Wives. Friday Lunch had all members dressed for the 70's, Friday Dinner was futuristic, and open to all interpretations.

29 of 32 Clubs were represented at convention. Absent was the Oil Wives Clubs of Burstall, Cold Lake/Grand Centre & Rainbow Lake. A total registration of 539 ladies was recorded for this celebration. Total membership in the Association is 892; Active - 800; Non-active - 71; Life - 21.

The Friday morning workshop was a blast from the past. Attending Life Members told stories of how things worked in their day. From family obligations to how Oil Wives made a real difference in their lives. Too many wonderful stories were told to put in this book.

The Official Board Favor was a Black and Gold A.O.W.C. Member License Plate which was distributed at the end of the Annual General Meeting. The Saturday Dinner is customarily formal and held another surprise for all those in attendance. All tables were adorned with chocolate long stemmed roses to which a "50th Anniversary Pin" was attached to a leaf. Under each rose were 2 special 50th Anniversary pouches, one contained an A.O.W.C \$50 dollar bill, the other a collectors Pin. A misprint of the original anniversary pin resulted in a rare collector's item amongst members.

Club Anniversaries - Oil Wives Club of Rocky Mountain House - 40 years; Taber - 40 years; Swan Hills - 45 years. 25 ladies received their A.O.W.C. 25 year pins. 11 ladies received their A.O.W.C. 50 year pins.

The Davison Most Improved Award - 1st runner up - Oil Wives Club of Peace River/Grimshaw (34.67%); Winner - Kindersley (45.60%). The Donna Shaw Efficiency Award - 2nd runner up - Oil Wives Club of Beaumont (97.27%); 1st runner up - Grande Prairie (97.33%); Winner - Lloydminster (99.35%)

There was no Life Membership awarded as the Board of Directors felt that all members of the Association were special for this special 50th Anniversary of Oil Wives.



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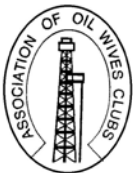
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CONVENTIONS SUMMARY

DATE	HOSTING CLUBS	NO. OF CLUBS	NO. OF MEMBERS
Feb. 15/57	Edmonton	11	1133
Feb. 18-19/58	Calgary	12	
Mar. 4-5/59	Regina	18	1734
Feb. 2-3/60	Edmonton	21	1712
Feb. 15-16/61	Calgary	23	
Oct. 17-18/61	Estevan	23	
Oct. 1-4/62	Dawson Creek	23	
Oct. 6-8/63	Calgary	24	
Oct. 19-21/64	Edmonton	24	
Oct. 19-21/65	Regina	27	1574
Oct. 18-20/66	Calgary	29	1688
Oct. 18-20/67	Edmonton	31	1747
Oct. 22-24/68	Swift Current	30	1674
Oct. 20-22/69	Red Deer	30	1573
Oct. 19-21/70	Sherwood Park	29	1604
Oct. 21-23/71	Estevan	29	1565
Oct. 21-23/72	Medicine Hat	29	1500
Oct. 16-18/73	Spruce Grove	32	1532
Oct. 15-17/74	Ft. St. John	33	1304
Oct. 21-23/75	Calgary	30	1639
Oct. 19-21/76	Edmonton	30	
Oct. 25-27/77	Calgary (at Banff)	29	1462
Oct. 17-19/78	Grande Prairie (with Valleyview & Fox Creek)	29	
Oct. 16-18/79	Medicine Hat	29	
Oct. 16-18/80	Red Deer	33	
Oct. 15-17/81	Ft. St. John	34	
Oct. 14-16/82	Oxbow (at Regina)	36	1753
Oct. 14-16/83	Drayton Valley (at Edmonton)	36	
Oct. 11-13/84	Grande Prairie	35	

CONVENTIONS SUMMARY (Continued)

DATE	HOSTING CLUBS	NO. OF CLUBS	NO. OF MEMBERS
Oct. 17-19/85	Sherwood Park (at Edmonton)	35	
Oct. 16-18/86	Brooks (at Lethbridge)	36	1861
Oct. 15-17/87	Calgary	36	1738
Sept.29-Oct.1/88	Swift Current	36	1685
Oct. 12-14/89	Leduc (at Edmonton)	34	1624
Oct. 11-13/90	Red Deer	34	1521
Oct. 16-18/91	Taber (at Lethbridge)	33	1403
Oct. 15-17/92	Ft. St. John	33	1342
Oct. 14-16/93	Drayton Valley (at Edmonton)	33	1253
Oct. 13-15/94	Estevan & Oxbow (at Estevan)	33	1211
Oct. 13-15/95	Calgary	34	1131
Oct. 18-20/96	Medicine Hat	33	1126
Oct. 16-18/97	Slave Lake	32	1095
Oct. 1-3/98	Brooks	32	1110
Oct. 14-16/99	Beaumont (at Edmonton)	34	1048
Oct. 12-14/2000	Estevan	34	1006
Oct. 11-13/2001	Grande Prairie	34	962
Oct. 16-18/2002	Rocky Mtn. House (at Red Deer)	33	958
Oct. 2-4/2003	Slave Lake	34	911
Oct. 21-23/2004	Oxbow (at Regina)	33	903
Oct. 20-22/2005	Leduc (at Nisku)	32	904
Oct. 12-14/2006	AOWC Past Presidents (all Clubs at Edmonton)	32	892



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CLUB BIRTHDAY'S

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR FORMED</u>	<u>25 YEARS</u>	<u>50 YEARS</u>
Beaumont	September	1980	2005	
Brooks	November	1964	1989	
Burstall	March	1965	1990	
Calgary	October	1952	1977	2002
Cold Lake/ Grand Centre	February	1979	2004	
Coleville	September	1954	1979	2004
Coronation	October	1973	1998	
Drayton Valley	March	1958	1983	
Edmonton	November	1951	1976	2001
Estevan	February	1956	1981	2006
Fort St. John	November	1956	1981	2006
Grande Prairie	September	1965	1990	
Kindersley	May	1980	2005	
Leduc	October	1973	1998	
Lloydminster	March	1980	2005	
Medicine Hat	September	1967	1992	
Okotoks	March	1981	2006	
Oxbow	September	1957	1982	
Peace River/ Grimshaw	March	1967	1992	
Rainbow Lake	February	1999		
Red Deer	September	1956	1981	2006
Rimbey/Ponoka	April	1989		
Rocky Mountain House	February	1966	1991	
Sherwood Park	March	1960	1985	
Slave Lake	April	1965	1990	
Spruce Grove	October	1970	1995	
Stettler	September	1954	1979	2004
Swan Hills	May	1961	1986	
Swift Current	February	1958	1983	
Taber	September	1966	1991	
Vegreville	February	2004		
Whitecourt	September	1958	1983	



LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

A Life Membership may be granted to a member to whom the Association wishes to give special distinction in recognition of outstanding service to the Association of Oil Wives.

Only one member of the entire Association may receive this honor in a year, but a Life Membership is not necessarily given out every year.

NAME	CLUB	YEAR AWARDED
Mrs. Winnie Thom (C.)	Edmonton	Deceased 1961
Mrs. Hilda Condor (--)	Calgary	Deceased 1961
Mrs. Emily McKay (wid)	Calgary	Deceased 1961
Mrs. Irene Braybrook (W.A.R.)	Drayton Valley	Deceased 1962
Mrs. Dorothy Hogg (C.A.L.)	Regina	Deceased 1964
Mrs. Jean Kirkpatrick (W)	Calgary	Deceased 1965
Mrs. Lorraine Davidson (G.C.)	Estevan	1966
Mrs. Betty Wahl (W.J.)	Edmonton	1967
Mrs. Edith Pettinger (J.B.)	Calgary	Deceased 1968
Mrs. Ruth Imler (K.G.)	Estevan	Deceased 1969
Mrs. Rilla Adams (H.C.)	Carnduff	Deceased 1970
Mrs. Clarice Webster (J.H.)	Calgary	Deceased 1971
Mrs. Ruth Larson (D.M.)	Calgary	1972
Mrs. Liz Johnson	Olds	1974
Mrs. Mary Lou Timinski (G.)	Calgary	1977
Mrs. Donna Shaw (D.D.)	Whitecourt	1978
Mrs. Dot Shearer (--)	Sherwood Park	1980
Mrs. Peggy Moynahan (F.G.)	Fort St. John	1984
Mrs. Lil Ross (R.)	Drayton Valley	1985
Mrs. Gayle Christman (R.B.)	Medicine Hat	1986
Mrs. Eleanor Butz (R.A.)	Edmonton	1988
Mrs. Ruby McQuaig (D.A.)	Brooks	1989
Mrs. Arleen Hanna (wid)	Edmonton	Deceased 1991
Mrs. Peggy Metcalfe (R.)	Drayton Valley	1994
Mrs. Jean Holman (G.L.)	Taber	1995
Mrs. Frances Toner	Edmonton	1998
Mrs. Sherrill Hoffort	Okotoks	1999
Mrs. Bessie Stevens	Swan Hills	2000
Mrs. Madeleine Maloney (wid)	Swift Current	2001
Mrs. Pearl Livingston	Leduc	2002
Mrs. Adrienne McArdle	Sherwood Park	2003
Mrs. Mae Brewer	Estevan	2004
Mrs. Altha Davison	Edmonton	2005
	none awarded	2006



25 Year Memberships

As A.O.W.C. members reach the milestone of 25 years of membership in the Association they are presented with a silver and black "25 Year Pin" from the Association at the Saturday Night Board Dinner.

1985

Calgary

Jean Anderson	28 years
Laverne Baisley	25
Norma Bennet	26
Jean Bishop	31
Hilda Conder	32
Ruth Deans	25
Elsie Elviss	25
June Farrar	25
Kay Fogarty	32
Nora Forrest	26
Goldie Frew	34
Lila Fulton	33
Kathy Galloway	32
Maxine Geck	26
Jean Gorrell	33
Alice Gould	30
Verda Hedges	26
Marguerite Kilik	29
Ruth Knowles	33
Shirley Kopreck	29
Joyce Kortgaard	32
Mattie Laberge	34
Cherry Lewis	32
Betty Lockwood	30
Irene Matkaluk	25
Emily McKay	30
Margie McLafferty	26
Margery Miller	26
Jean Nelner	33

Gladys Orr	29 years
Eloise Outhwaite	25
Marilyn Palsgrove	28
Doris Parks	30
Dorothy Robertson	32
Nola Scrimis	33
Joyce Setters	30
Irene Stuppard	29
June Taylor	25
Mary Lou Timinski	29
Marguerite Tovari	29
Kay Vanden Brink	25
Clarice Webster	33
Joan Wilson	31
Inger Worthen	25

Coleville

Donna Bullied	26
Patricia Line	27
Jean Ogle	28

Drayton Valley

Bessie Balen	27
Lil Moody	25
Mary Poloway	27
Lil Ross	26

Edmonton

Sue Brown
Connie Davidson
Altha Davison
Irene Fyfe

1985 continued

Arlene Hanna
 Louise Johnson
 Lottie Kirchoff
 Florence Lister
 Velva Mowet
 Betty Phillips
 Ethel Rault
 Marion Rees
 Dorothy Rutherford
 Jo Salmandick
 Frances Toner
 Doreen Utas
 Betty Wahl
 Edith Wetterberg
 Betty Wronko

Fort St. John

Dodie Anderson 29 years
 Gert Berean 29
 Flo Miller 29
 Leona Young 29

Leduc

Freda Strauss 25

Medicine Hat

Jessie Cosgrove 28
 Marj Oveson 27
 Mavis Schindle 28

Olds

Liz Johnson 30
 Marj Revers 25

Oxbow

Bev Spearing

Red Deer

Muriel Coleman 28 years
 Bev Coon 25
 Lorraine Davidson 31
 Doris Gilbertson 27
 Kay Goruk 25
 Betty Mickleberry 26
 Ethel Miller 25
 Shirley Panton 26
 Faye Porteous 25

Rocky Mountain House

Evelyn Griffith 25

St. John's

Kay Larson 29

Sherwood Park

Alberta Gillis 25
 Dot Shearer 25

Swift Current

Madeline Maloney 26
 Thelma Reed 26
 Alice Wilcox 26

1986

Calgary

Fanny Bishop 25
 Joyce Boyd
 Elvey Brown
 Ruth Larson
 Helen Rouleau
 Janet Trumble

Edmonton

Eleanor Butz

1986 continued

Leduc
 Fran Martin

Red Deer
 May Koski 30 years
 Gwyn McLeod

Valleyview
 Monte Hansen

1987

Calgary
 Juanita Brown 26
 Vivian Bruce
 Bev Cambridge 26
 Marj Gibson 34
 Ruth Imler
 Pat Labrecque
 Marguerite Shier
 Peggy Spilde 26
 Evelyn Thorson
 Betty Torode
 Betty Uibel 31
 Peppi Vander Voet

Drayton Valley
 Marg Balen

Edmonton
 Jean Atkinson
 Charley Brown
 Joyce Daley
 Mary Hunter

Estevan

Rilla Adams
 Helen Baxter
 Mickie Blackstock
 Jean Christensen
 Donnie Dyer
 Helen Marriott
 Carmel McFarlane
 Betty McLeod
 Agnes Meraw
 Laverne Nelson
 Nita Page
 Darlene Reichert
 Marj Stephen
 Sharon Sweeney

Fort St. John
 Clarice Jury 27 years
 Donna Macenko

Lloydminster
 Roberta Emslie

Oxbow
 Dorothy Renneburg

Red Deer
 Donna Lajeunesse
 Shirley Sullivan

Whitecourt
 Crystal LeRoy 29
 Donna Shaw

1988

Calgary

Betty Lou Courage
Gladys Duffner
Gladys Gubersky
Helen Hume
Pat Huta
Heather McCartney
Carol Murray
Inez Pecharsky
Rose Petiot
Margaret Renaud

Drayton Valley

Peggy Metcalfe
Shirley Shanks

Olds

Rose Baxter
Ruby Bruniski
Penie Pahal
Ede Thompson

Oxbow

Gladys Reid

Sherwood Park

Joan McClymont
Lu McKillican

Spruce Grove

Donna Perlette

Swan Hills

Bessie Stevens

1989

Brooks

Elsie Langevin

Calgary

Marjorie Bahan
Dorothy Jackson
Betty Nadaruk
Dorothy Perkins

Drayton Valley

Helen Eshpeter
Eunice Lyle
Jeanette Miner

Edmonton

Jean Davies
Esther Krychy
Val Lineham
Feef MacDonald
Elsie Mundt
Reina Proudfoot

Leduc

Pearl Livingston

Okotoks

Sherrill Hoffort

Olds

Shirley Thomas

Oxbow

Myrna Townsend

1989 continued

Spruce Grove

Dorreen Haakenson

1990

Brooks

Ruby McCuaig

Calgary

Delores Achen

Lois Copeland

Marg Scott

Coleville

Beth Dales

Evelyn Hoshier

Drayton Valley

Gil Hasenclever

Joyce Hayduk

Jeanette Vatter

Estevan

Marj Stephen

Fort St. John

Evelyn Hosker

Bernice Miller

Peggy Moynahan

Marion Sodergren

Leduc

Carol Delbridge

Nancy Day

Lloydminster

Victoria Flesher

Medicine Hat

Agnes Biffard

Peace River-Grimshaw

Julie Paliwoda

Red Deer

Marjorie Dufort

Gladys Kirschenman

Jeanette King

Rimbey

Betty Archer

Joni Feys

Stettler

Geraldine Dennis

Swan Hills

Joyce Venables

Valleyview

Laurie Kosik

1991

Brooks

Liz Windrim

Calgary

Elaine Johnson

Irene Leiper

Bea Wickens

1991 continued

Coleville

Linda Miller

Drayton Valley

Lee Riesterer

Joyce Sawyer

Edmonton

Florence Sparrow

Fort St. John

Melba Maxfield

Diane Bloor

Myrna Taras

Mildred Fitzgerald

Delores McLean

Estevan

Wendy Johner

Doris Frehlick

Medicine Hat

Marion Arthur

Gloria Mendryk

Oxbow

Marlene Mohrbutter

Peace River-Grimshaw

June MacMillan

Red Deer

Heddi McMurray

Rocky Mountain House

Mary Stewart

Slave Lake

Georgina Fournier

Swift Current

Jean Seeman

Taber

Louise Christianson

Jean Holman

1992

Calgary

Norma Cunningham

Marion Lebbert

Ila Miller

Coleville

Ruth Holmes

Carol Werner

Drayton Valley

May Barker

Myrna Boscher

Effie Nanninga

Rosemarie Mayan

Estevan

Judy Sheppard

Medicine Hat

Lela Rennhofer

Sherwood Park

Jean Kalmbach

1992 continued

Slave Lake

Nancy Lowe
Helen Logan
Josephine Robinson

Swan Hills

Faye Sperling

Swift Current

Katherine Wanner

Taber

Betty Andrus
Helen Arndt

Olds

Lorraine Larson

1993

Brooks

Delores Guest

Calgary

Laurene Jaggard

Coleville

Shirley Besplug

Drayton Valley

Patricia Jenkins

Edmonton

Shirley Groleau

Fort St. John

Dianne Knott

Grande Prairie

Elsie Langerak

Lloydminster

Vivian Politylo

Medicine Hat

Delores Bischke
Gayle Christman

Okotoks

Myrna Mooney
Clarice Lyon

Olds

Vivian Costan
Ede Thompson

Peace River-Grimshaw

Lillian Haines

Red Deer

Marg Huggins

Slave Lake

Arlene Beaudet

Spruce Grove

Irene Thompson

Swift Current

Hazel Rude

1993 continued

Taber

Sherry Firth

Whitecourt

Ruth St. Martin

Olga Roszko

1994

Calgary

Joan Lawrence

Maxine Webb

Drayton Valley

Carol Kokas

Mae Rumshaw

Edmonton

Norma Gordon

Grande Prairie

Olga Skirzyk

Leduc

Darlene Knapp

Olds

Rose Baxter

Red Deer

Irene Ammeter

Norma Thiel

Swift Current

Ad Hyswick

1995

Calgary

Clairie Campbell

Marjorie Patey

Drayton Valley

Carolyn Ness

Estevan

Elaine Shykitka

Fort St. John

Jeanne Pryndik

Leduc

Shirley LaRosee

Okotoks

Marion McNalley

Sherwood Park

Kaye Henshall

Slave Lake

Angie Sequin

Spruce Grove

Joyce Webb

1996

Brooks

Carol Wheeler
Marilyn Fehr

Calgary

Claire Campbell
Dot Cook
Barb McLaren
Irene Rose
Jean Webster
Gerry Weston

Drayton Valley

Isabelle Crawford
Lovetta Kjorlien
Lois Pankewicz
Claudette Winder

Fort St. John

Dodie Cuthbert

Okotoks

Diane Shomody

Red Deer

Evelyn Leimert

Rocky Mountain House

Elaine Varty

Stettler

Maureen Hamilton

1997

Brooks

Bea Sealy

Calgary

Vi Fenerty

Edmonton

Betty MacEwan

Fort St. John

Sandra Krischuk

Lloydminster

Lynne Leard

Medicine Hat

Merle Tooth
Glenda Jackson

Peace River-Grimshaw

Pat Ens
Mavis Degeer

Red Deer

Bonny-Lynn Frederick

Sherwood Park

Anne Kohnen

Spruce Grove

Bev Cardinal

Swan Hills

Dene Munro

1998

Calgary

Beverly Ostrosser
Betty Nelson

Drayton Valley

Marion Beck

Edmonton

Delores Boyd
Fran Lagore
Faye Osborne
Olga Mogensen

Fort St. John

Linda Fairgrieve
Donna Miller

Olds

Barb Bilida

Oxbow

Jean Lowdon

Slave Lake

Judy Spilak

Spruce Grove

Frances Kelemen
Janet Hunter
Carol McCuaig

Whitecourt

Bernadette Robertson

1999

Brooks

Roberta Simpson

Coronation

Irene Erikson
Irene McCullough

Calgary

Ella Bartley
Doreen Manz
Ellen McIvor

Drayton Valley

Gwen Baumann
Ellen Nielsen
Carol Schneider
Jean Williams

Edmonton

Kathy Bolter

Fort St. John

Donna Solodan
Shirley Vanderwork

Kindersley

Dora May
Bernice Drozd

Medicine Hat

Myrna Bushell
Kathy Conklin
Ferne Gedak
Judy Ostowski

1999 continued

Olds

Ann Zeigler

Stettler

Lynne McNeill

Whitecourt

Marg Lakeman

Lois McGregor

2000

Burstall

Barb Becker

Calgary

Mavis Barnes

Shirley Hutchinson

Pauline Knipple

Marg Rama

Coleville

Donna Brotzel

Drayton Valley

Twyla Gardiner

Fort St. John

Gail Kohuch

Okotoks

Shirley Wanner

Red Deer

Anne Wanner

Spruce Grove

Geri Cochrane

Swift Current

Judy Christiansen

Taber

Evelyn Gross

Whitecourt

Fern Jocksch

2001

Calgary

Val Turnbull

Coronation

Lucille Hansen

Marion Lamontagne

Drayton Valley

Grace Allen

Irene Wilkes

Edmonton

Muriel Cuthill

Darlene DeCook

Pat Sutor

Grande Prairie

Fran Boubreault

Lynn Petuh

Leduc

Shirley Stevens

2002

Calgary
Sheila O'Shea

Coronation
Donna Suntjens
Verna Pengelly

Estevan
Mae Brewer

Leduc
Flawrence Szymawski

Medicine Hat
Dalyce Armstrong
Rose LaBatte

Oxbow
Sherlynn Best

Peace River-Grimshaw
Edna Storbakken

Red Deer
Darlene Bates
Bev Heth
Debbie Dean
Alice Miller

Sherwood Park
Dorothy Dwernychuk

Spruce Grove
Phyllis Overacker

2003

Calgary
Bunny Coutney
Lorraine Demosky
Susan Tomilson

Cold Lake-Grand Centre
Caroline Donald

Edmonton
Ann Cornet-Dyck
Geri Koropchuck
Janice Lamarre

Estevan
Darlene Duce

Grande Prairie
Bertha Melnyk

Kindersley
Julie Smith

Medicine Hat
Jo Abbey
Carol Comm
Darlene Graham
Bonnie Paul

Spruce Grove
Margaret Woolsey
Diane Turner

Stettler
Sheryl Rairdan

2003 continued

Sherwood Park

Adrienne McArdle

2004

Calgary

Donna Reid

Cold Lake-Grand Centre

Holly Sharpe

Drayton Valley

Connie Dusterhoft

Marg Bailey

Estevan

Brenda Noble

Fort St. John

Marie Gellings

Rimbey-Ponoka

Darlene Hansen

Slave Lake

Beverly Smith

Spruce Grove

Darlene Hunter

Taber

Brenda Rombough

Whitecourt

Joyce Goebel

2005

Beaumont

Nina Meikle

Colleen Scott

Calgary

Marsha Hamilton

Coronation

Anne Lakusta

Drayton Valley

Jean Beckett

Leduc

Donna Conway

Edith Koenig

Lillian Davies

Vera Gottschlich

Marg Miller

Medicine Hat

Marlene Dodd

Bonnie Fisher

Okotoks

Jo Ann Givens

Red Deer

Marg Bourgin

Gloria Ronney

Slave Lake

Linda McCauley

Helen St. Louis

Betty Tees

2005 continued

Spruce Grove

Peggy Finch

Swift Current

Marlene Dolter

Taber

Rae Schmitke

2006

Beaumont

Dorothy Gartner

Calgary

BettyLou Perkiss

Judy Savage

Clara Wylie

Coronation

Linda Goulet

Fort St. John

Tammie Anderson

Grande Prairie

Patsy Smith

Brenda Huber

Leduc

Marlene Tracy

Marge Hudema

Lynn Mills

Lorraine Anderson

Willie McCormick

Lloydminster

Brenda Robinson

Eileen Blair

Medicine Hat

Vivian Moch

Sheila Rumberg

Red Deer

Pauline McWatters

Dana Unger

Rocky Mountain House

Kathy Bendle

Sherwood Park

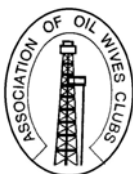
Barb Graumann

Whitecourt

Shirley Caouette

Marlene Simmons

Vicki Watson



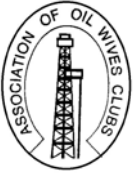
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CLUBS WHO HAVE CELEBRATED 25 YEARS IN THE ASSOCIATION

<u>CLUBS</u>	<u>YEAR FORMED</u>	<u>YEAR ATTAINED</u>
Edmonton	1951	1976
Calgary	1952	1977
Stettler	1954	1979
Coleville/Kindersley	1954	1979
Estevan	1956	1981
Red Deer	1955	1981
Fort St. John	1956	1981
Oxbow	1957	1982
Swift Current	1958	1983
Drayton Valley	1958	1983
Whitecourt	1958	1983
Sherwood Park	1960	1985
Olds	1960	1985
Swan Hills	1961	1986
Valleyview	1963	1988
Brooks	1964	1989
Burstall	1965	1990
Slave Lake	1965	1990
Grande Prairie	1965	1990
Rocky Mountain House	1966	1991
Taber	1966	1991
Peace River/Grimshaw	1967	1992
Medicine Hat	1967	1992
Spruce Grove	1970	1995
Coronation	1973	1998
Leduc	1973	1998
Cold Lake/Grand Center	1979	2004
Lloydminster	1980	2005
Kindersley	1980	2005
Beaumont	1980	2005
Okotoks	1981	2006



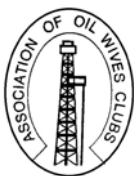
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CLUBS WHO HAVE CELEBRATED 50 YEARS IN THE ASSOCIATION

<u>CLUBS</u>	<u>YEAR FORMED</u>	<u>YEAR ATTAINED</u>
Edmonton	1951	2001
Calgary	1952	2002
Stettler	1954	2004
Coleville/Kindersley	1954	2004
Red Deer	1955	2005
Estevan	1956	2006
Fort St. John	1956	2006



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All Clubs Past and Present

Club	Year Formed	Disbanded
Anaco, Venezuela	1959	1961
Battleford, Saskatchewan	1982	1989
Beaumont, Alberta	1980	--
Breton, Alberta	1958	1962
Brooks, Alberta	1964	--
Burstall, Alberta	1965	--
Calgary, Alberta	1952	--
Carnduff-Alida, Saskatchewan	1956	1971
Cochobama, Bolivia	1958	1961
Cold Lake-Grand Centre, Alberta	1979	--
Coleville, Saskatchewan	1954	--
Coronation, Alberta	1973	--
Dartmouth-Halifax, Nova Scotia	1972	1988
Dawson Creek, British Columbia	1955	1967
Drayton Valley, Alberta	1958	--
Drumheller, Alberta	1962	1964
Edmonton, Alberta	1951	--
Edson, Alberta	1988	1991
Estevan, Saskatchewan	1956	--
Fort Nelson, British Columbia	1972	1978
Fort St. John, British Columbia	1956	--
Fox Creek, Alberta	1971	1984
Grande Prairie, Alberta	1955	1961
Grande Prairie, Alberta	1965	--
High Level, Alberta	1967	1975
High Level, Alberta	1985	2002
Islamabad, Pakistan	1985	1988
Kindersley, Saskatchewan	1959	1962
Kindersley, Saskatchewan	1963	1967
Kindersley, Saskatchewan	1980	--
Lampman, Saskatchewan	1964	1973
Leduc, Alberta	1973	--
Lloydminster, Alberta/Saskatchewan	1980	--
Medicine Hat, Alberta	1959	1962
Medicine Hat, Alberta	1967	--

Clubs Past and Present Continued

Club	Year Formed	Disbanded
Midale, Saskatchewan	1957	1966
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	1983	1886
Okotoks, Alberta	1981	--
Olds, Alberta	1960	--
Oxbow, Saskatchewan	1957	--
Peace River-Grimshaw, Alberta	1967	--
Pincher Creek, Alberta	1958	1966
Pincher Creek, Alberta	1994	1997
Regina, Saskatchewan	1952	1976
Red Deer, Alberta	1955	--
Rimbey, Alberta	1961	1967
Rimbey-Ponoka, Alberta	1989	--
Rocky Mountain House, Alberta	1966	--
Sherwood Park, Alberta	1960	--
Slave Lake, Alberta	1965	--
Spruce Grove, Alberta	1970	--
Stettler, Alberta	1954	--
St. John's, Newfoundland	1971	1974
St. John's, Newfoundland	1980	1989
Swan Hills, Alberta	1961	--
Swift Current, Saskatchewan	1959	--
Sydney-Perth, Australia	1966	1975
Sydney-Perth, Australia	1978	??
Sylvan Lake, Alberta	1965	1967
Taber, Alberta	1967	--
Valleyview, Alberta	1963	1994
Vauxhall, Alberta	1982	1984
Vegreville	2004	--
Virden, Manitoba	1953	1974
Weyburn, Saskatchewan	1957	1960
Whitcourt, Alberta	1958	--
Aberdeen, Scotland	1972	??
Fairbanks, Alaska	--	??
Greater Yarmouth, England	1968	??
Penong, Malaysia	??	??
Singapore	??	??



A.O.W.C. PRESIDENTS

Honorary Member: Dean Hunter

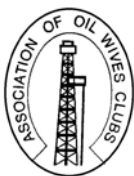
Honorary Presidents:

Jean Gorrell – Calgary

Emily McKay – Calgary

Winnie Thom – Calgary

1957 - 1961	Emily McKay	Calgary
1961 - 1963	Winnie Thom	Edmonton
1963 - 1965	Hilda Condor	Calgary
1965 - 1967	Edith Pettinger	Calgary
1967 - 1969	Clarice Webster	Calgary
1969 - 1971	Ruth Larson	Calgary
1971 - 1973	Liz Johnson	Olds
1973 - 1975	Dot Shearer	Sherwood Park
1975 - 1977	Donna Shaw	Whitcourt
1977 - 1979	Ruby McCuaig	Brooks
1979 - 1981	Peggy Moynahan	Fort St. John
1981 - 1983	Gayle Christman	Medicine Hat
1983 - 1985	Eleanor Butz	Edmonton
1985 - 1987	Jean Holman	Taber
1987 - 1989	Peggy Metcalfe	Drayton Valley
1989 - 1991	Fran Toner	Edmonton
1991 - 1993	Myrna Bushell	Medicine Hat
1993 - 1995	Mae Brewer	Estevan
1995 - 1997	Darlene Rowbotham	Red Deer
1997 - 1999	Arlene Beaudet	Slave Lake
1999 - 2000	Vivian Politylo	Lloydminster
2000 - 2001	Gale Walper	Medicine Hat
2001 - 2003	Mary Beecroft	Brooks
2003 - 2005	Marie Hoffort	Estevan
2005 - 2007	Karen Ebel	Lloydminster



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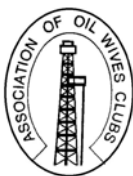
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DONNA SHAW EFFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME OF CLUBS & OR CLUBS</u>
1960	Oil Wives Club of Drayton Valley
1961	Oil Wives Club of Calgary
1962	Oil Wives Club of Dawson Creek
1963	Oil Wives Club of Drayton Valley
1964	Oil Wives Club of Carnduff/Alida
1965	Oil Wives Club of Edmonton
1966	Oil Wives Club of Calgary
1967	Oil Wives Club of Kindersley & Fort St. John
1968	Oil Wives Club of Swift Current
1969	Oil Wives Club of Olds
1970	Oil Wives Club of Olds
1971	Oil Wives Club of Calgary
1972	Oil Wives Club of Drayton Valley
1973	Oil Wives Club of Olds
1974	Oil Wives Club of Olds
1975	Oil Wives Club of Brooks
1976	Award not given out this year
1977	Oil Wives Club of Edmonton & Whitecourt
1978	Oil Wives Club of Brooks
1979	Oil Wives Club of Brooks & Whitecourt
1980	Oil Wives Club of Dartmouth/Halifax
1981	Oil Wives Club of Swan Hills & Taber
1982	Oil Wives Club of Whitecourt
1983	Oil Wives Club of Edmonton & Drayton Valley
1984	Oil Wives Club of Whitecourt
1985	Oil Wives Club of Slave Lake
1986	Oil Wives Club of Fort St. John
1987	Oil Wives Club of Taber
1988	Oil Wives Club of Medicine Hat
1989	Oil Wives Club of Beaumont
1990	Oil Wives Club of Fort St. John
1991	Oil Wives Club of Taber
1992	Oil Wives Club of Oxbow
1993	Oil Wives Club of Medicine Hat

(Donna Shaw Efficiency Award Continued)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME OF CLUBS & OR CLUBS</u>
1994	Oil Wives Club of Beaumont
1995	Oil Wives Club of Medicine Hat
1996	Oil Wives Club of Beaumont
1997	Oil Wives Club of Sherwood Park
1998	Oil Wives Club of Fort St. John
1999	Oil Wives Club of Beaumont
2000	Oil Wives Club of Slave Lake
2001	Oil Wives Club of Beaumont
2002	Oil Wives Club of Beaumont
2003	Oil Wives Club of Medicine Hat
2004	Oil Wives Club of Peace River/Grimshaw
2005	Oil Wives Club of Medicine Hat
2006	Oil Wives Club of Lloydminster



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ALTHA DAVISON MOST IMPROVED AWARD

(FOR CLUB EFFICIENCY)

YEAR

NAME OF CLUB &/OR CLUBS

1978	Oil Wives Club of Taber
1979	Oil Wives Club of Grande Prairie
1980	Oil Wives Club of Oxbow
1981	Oil Wives Club of Rocky Mountain House
1982	Oil Wives Club of Spruce Grove
1983	Oil Wives Club of Stettler
1984	Oil Wives Club of Calgary
1985	Oil Wives Club of Kindersley
1986	Oil Wives Club of Estevan
1987	Oil Wives Club of Cold Lake/Grand Center
1988	Oil Wives Club of Coleville
1989	Oil Wives Club of Grande Prairie
1990	Oil Wives Club of Leduc
1991	Oil Wives Club of Kindersley
1992	Oil Wives Club of Slave Lake
1993	Oil Wives Club of Rimbey/Ponoka
1994	Oil Wives Club of Stettler
1995	Oil Wives Club of Taber
1996	Oil Wives Club of Grande Prairie
1997	Oil Wives Club of Slave Lake
1998	Oil Wives Club of Drayton Valley
1999	Oil Wives Club of Swift Current
2000	Oil Wives Club of Rocky Mountain House
2001	Oil Wives Club of Rainbow Lake
2002	Oil Wives Club of Burstall
2003	Oil Wives Club of Drayton Valley
2004	Oil Wives Club of Coleville
2005	Oil Wives Club of Sherwood Park
2006	Oil Wives Club of Kindersley

A.O.W.C. Pins

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Club Past President



A.O.W.C. Crest



Derrick



Honorary Member



Charter Member



Number Guards



Perfect Attendance



Plain Bar



Year Guards