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## PARK RIDGE BOARD

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The Park Ridge Board was the newest auxiliary board of Northwestern University Settlement as of 1991. The Board was developed to accommodate growth and support to the Settlement from northwest suburban communities and was the first board to be founded in 40 years, according to Mrs. John J. Par (Carol), who was the Board's founder as well as its first president.

Thirteen founding members first met at the Par home on May 3, 1989. In addition to Mrs. Par, the founding members were Mrs. Donald Barak, Mrs. Donald Finney, Mrs. Donald Hacke, Mrs. George Harker, Mrs. Larry Hennessy, Mrs. Charles Hughes, Mrs. Thomas Kieपुरa, Mrs. Andy Plennert, Mrs. Donald Sebastian, Mrs. James Schutz, Mrs. Roland Szkwerek and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson.

During the first year of operation, members acquainted themselves with the work of the Settlement by attending Central Committee meetings and observing programs. Then it was simply a matter of determining what service projects to do and how to raise the funds to secure them.

Mrs. Par reported that their Board had accomplished six endeavors in service to the Settlement during the 1991 fiscal year:

- The Board promoted Memorial/Appreciation cards it designed, printed and distributed. These attractive and articulate cards served as a way to honor friends with a tax-deductible gift to the Settlement in their name.
- The Board sponsored 14 families during the Christmas season. Gifts totalling approximately \$600 were given to each family.
- The Board sponsored three major food drives in September, December and March.

- The Board donated two sailboats to House-In-The-Wood.
- The Board hosted a holiday party for 40 children.
- The Board sponsored a Christmas cocktail party resulting in some 500 food items being donated to the Settlement house.

For the Centennial, the Park Ridge Board was designing and underwriting diamond-shaped lucite commemorative "light catchers" or ornaments. These were to be sold to Board members and friends of the Settlement. Mrs. Par also served as chairman of the Noble Taste of Augusta committee, which saw many Park Ridge members join to make the June 1991 neighborhood festival a complete success.

## PRESIDENTS 1989 - 1991

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Mrs. John J. Par

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*Founding members of the Park Ridge Board (photo 1989)*