



The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association

— Learning, Giving, Sharing —

Annual Report 2022-2023





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A LEGACY OF LEARNING AND GIVING

The Nineteenth Century Club, established in 1891 by bold visionary women, built this space in 1928 to promote their mission as an educational, charitable and civic center. Today this Landmark building serves as a nonprofit community center and a venue for private celebrations and business events. A vibrant, diverse membership of men and women maintain the commitment of the founders by offering scholarships and space-use grants to nonprofits as well as a wide range of daytime and evening programs. Activities are open to all in our fully accessible building.

Women's Cause "and others. The historic, landmark building of modern women and others who have appeared on the two pages of this building's history. Robert F. French, Charles E. Jones, James H. Anderson, Langston Hughes, Elizabeth Berg and Anne Hutchinson."

James L. (1891-1961) designed this fine classical style building and house of George Jones in relation to Chicago architect and a graduate of MIT Park land in Oak Park with his wife, Margaret. He was a prominent Oak Park and active member of the Club. James Park served as an Oak Park High School and President. He was a trustee on the City Memorial in Seattle Park for his service in WWII.

Awarding college scholarships to deserving local students is a tradition that dates back 100+ years. Hundreds of students have used their Nineteenth Century Club scholarships to help them attend the colleges of their choice. Currently these grants are awarded for up to four years.

From Our Leadership



Diane Moses,
President

Welcome to information about the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association. We are dedicated to strengthening our community through learning, giving and sharing our landmark building. We are very proud of our Enrichment Programs in the areas of Music, Art, Science, Social Science and Literature that are held from October through May. You can read about our Scholarship Program and many other activities in the following information. We also welcome our new Managing Director, Ray Ward.



Ray Ward,
Managing
Director

In January 2023, I became the first male and person of color to serve as Managing Director of the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association. I am looking forward to working with this important, vibrant group of committed people. This is a great opportunity and I hope to move the organization forward.

By The Numbers



Membership

350 members
from the Oak Park/
River Forest area

Enrichment Programs

31 weekly programs
in art, literature,
music, science, and
social science

Luncheons

33 weekly
luncheons, including
Mix-It-Up Mondays

Scholarships

16 students
receiving four-year
scholarships, based on
academic achievements

Wednesday Wisdom

5 programs,
including one
assessing our
community

Publications

13, including a
member directory,
program guide, and
monthly newsletters

Committees

9, ranging from
Building to Programs
to Membership and
Community Outreach

Participation

110+ members
serve on committees

Extras

13 performances
by the Free Readers
Theater

The Membership Experience

"I can always connect with the members at my lunch table. I've learned about opera, Pittsburgh, teaching as a profession, unruly adult children, and enjoying grandchildren."



The Membership Experience

The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association is filled with diverse, interesting people who love to gather. It is composed primarily of women over 65. We are 15% men, racially diverse, intergenerational, and have sexual orientation diversity. We love to meet to share our life experiences and to learn at our weekly lunches and programs.

The Nineteenth is an inclusive and equitable association. In 2023 we became more diverse in our membership, board, and staff.



Weekly Enrichment Programs

In 2023, more of our in-person programs became available over Zoom. While we enjoy meeting and socializing in person, members had access to programs when they couldn't get out due to their illness or the illness of their partner.

The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association hosted 31 programs offered free to the community, ranging across the disciplines of art, literature, music, science and social science.



Weekly Enrichment Programs



Feb. 20, 2023—Hermene Hartman

Nov. 7, 2022—The Irving Sisters



May 8, 2023—Stars at Any Age



March 6, 2023—Mia P. Manansala



March 20, 2023—Dr. Onur Öztürk

Presenters are a diverse group covering a variety of topics and musical genres.

Weekly Enrichment Programs

2022-2023 was a year of beautiful and informative programming. World class singers from Chicago's Lyric Opera presented a holiday concert that filled the ballroom with members and fans from the community.

When the Irving Sisters sang songs from the 1930s and 1940s, NBC news sent Leeann Trotter to interview Diane Moses about programming at the Nineteenth; the interview was shown on the local NBC evening news program. Another highlight was Tara Stamps, who was "Raised in the Shadow of the [Black Panther] Party." She went on to win the race for Cook County Board Commissioner.

Doug Deuchler gave us an October Program on "Horror, Halloween and Hollywood" which was fun and much enjoyed. These programs are the jewel in the crown of the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association.

Weekly Enrichment Programs—Sponsors



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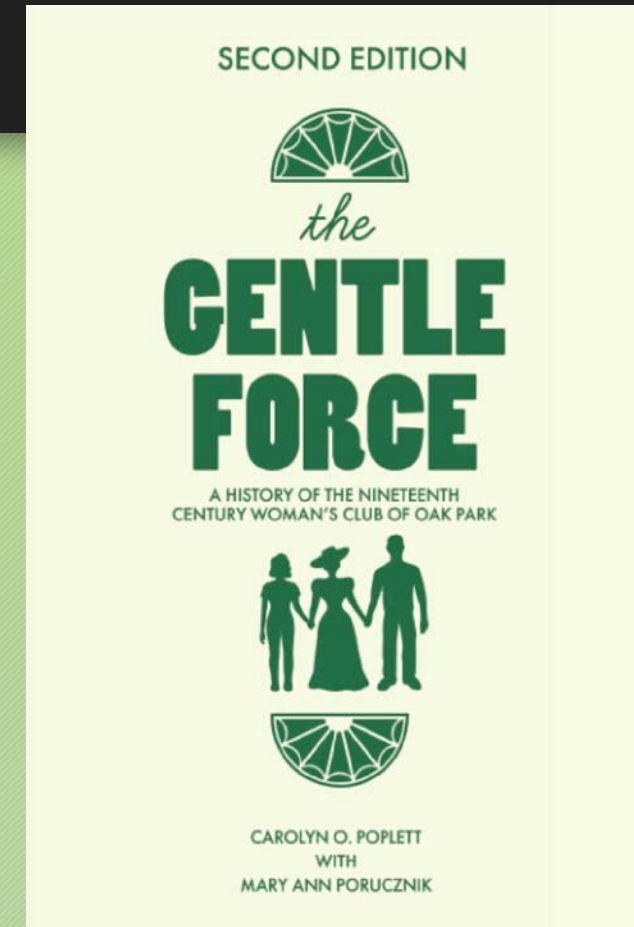


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Celebrating Our History: The Gentle Force, Second Edition

On June 30, 2022, a reception was held to celebrate the publication of the second edition of *The Gentle Force: A History of The Nineteenth Century Woman's Club of Oak Park*.

Written by Carolyn Poplett with Mary Ann Porucznik and Georga Parchem, the second edition brings the history of the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association up to the current day. Cover design by Allison Poplett.



Founders Memorial Scholarships



Every year the Scholarship Committee selects four graduating seniors from Oak Park River Forest High School to receive college scholarships. Scholarships are renewable for each of the four years of college attendance. The Annual Scholarship Luncheon celebrates these students with their families, school representatives, and members of the Nineteenth.

2023 Scholarship Recipients

Although the Founders Memorial Scholarship was originally just for female students, in 2015 it was expanded to include male students. In 2023, all recipients were boys, pictured here with the principal of OPRF High School.



Volunteer of the Year: Scholarship Chair Janet Barkley



Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association. Our members bring many talents to the tasks at hand. They schedule programs, plan events, reach out to the community, and manage our scholarship program.

Each year, the Nineteenth recognizes outstanding volunteers; in 2022-2023, it was Janet Barkley, chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Community Life—A Day in Our Village



Community Life: Cookies & Cocoa With Santa

We invited local children to meet Santa and enjoy cookies and cocoa. This popular event attracts a diverse group.



Community Life: A Night at Mr. Kelly's Gala

Members and supporters came together to celebrate the Nineteenth. The April gala featured silent and live auctions, fabulous food, cocktails, and our annual Gentle Force award. We enjoyed ourselves and raised money to support the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association.



Gentle Force Award
Winners

Community Life: Needle Arts Group

The Needle Arts Group hand-crafts garments and blankets for local nonprofits, including Sarah's Inn, New Moms, and the OPRF Day Nursery.



Community Life: Book Club



Each month, members and nonmembers gather to discuss books they have read. The Book Club is open to all; selections are based on recommendations by readers and cover a range of topics, genres, and authors.

Community Life: Art Club

Every other week, amateur artists gather to express themselves in a variety of media. This eclectic group has varying ability and skill levels, using a variety of papers and other art materials. They also have great conversations—not only about art concepts like form, color, and proportion, but also about life.



Community Life: Mahjong

The Mahjong Mavens meet weekly to play (using Hong Kong rules) and to raise money for the Founders Memorial Scholarship Fund. New members are always welcome; current members are eager to share their knowledge and skills.



Community Life: Partnerships

The Historical Society of
Oak Park and River Forest/
OPRF Museum

Oak Park Public Library

Sister House

Beyond Hunger

Housing Forward

Oak Park River Forest
Community Foundation

Arbor West Neighbors

Opportunity Knocks

Empowering Gardens

New Moms

Infant Welfare

The Free Readers Ensemble

Hepzibah

Oak Park River Forest Day
Nursery

The Community of
Congregations

Oak Park Area Lesbian and
Gay Association (OPALGA)

League of Women Voters

Oak Park River Forest High
School

Financial Information

Net Assets and Equity, May 1, 2022— \$1,176,118

Net Assets and Equity, April 30, 2023— \$1,241,306

Sharing our Landmark Building

When a church needs a home...

When a senior chorus needs to rehearse...

When a PTO needs a place to meet...

When a museum needs to raise funds...

When election day rolls around...

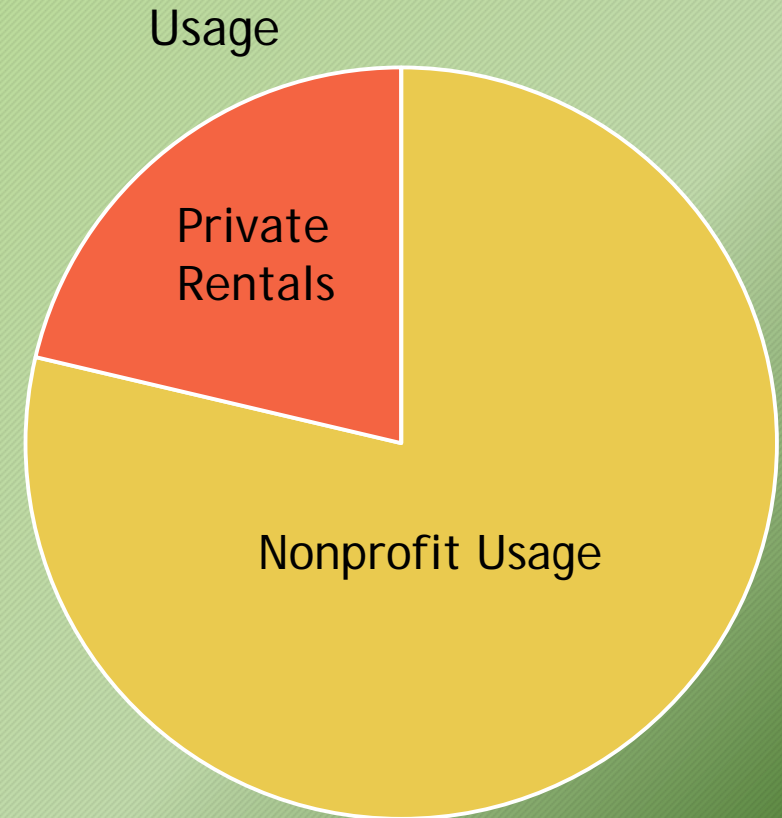
Nonprofit organizations in Oak Park, River Forest, and surrounding communities look to the Nineteenth.



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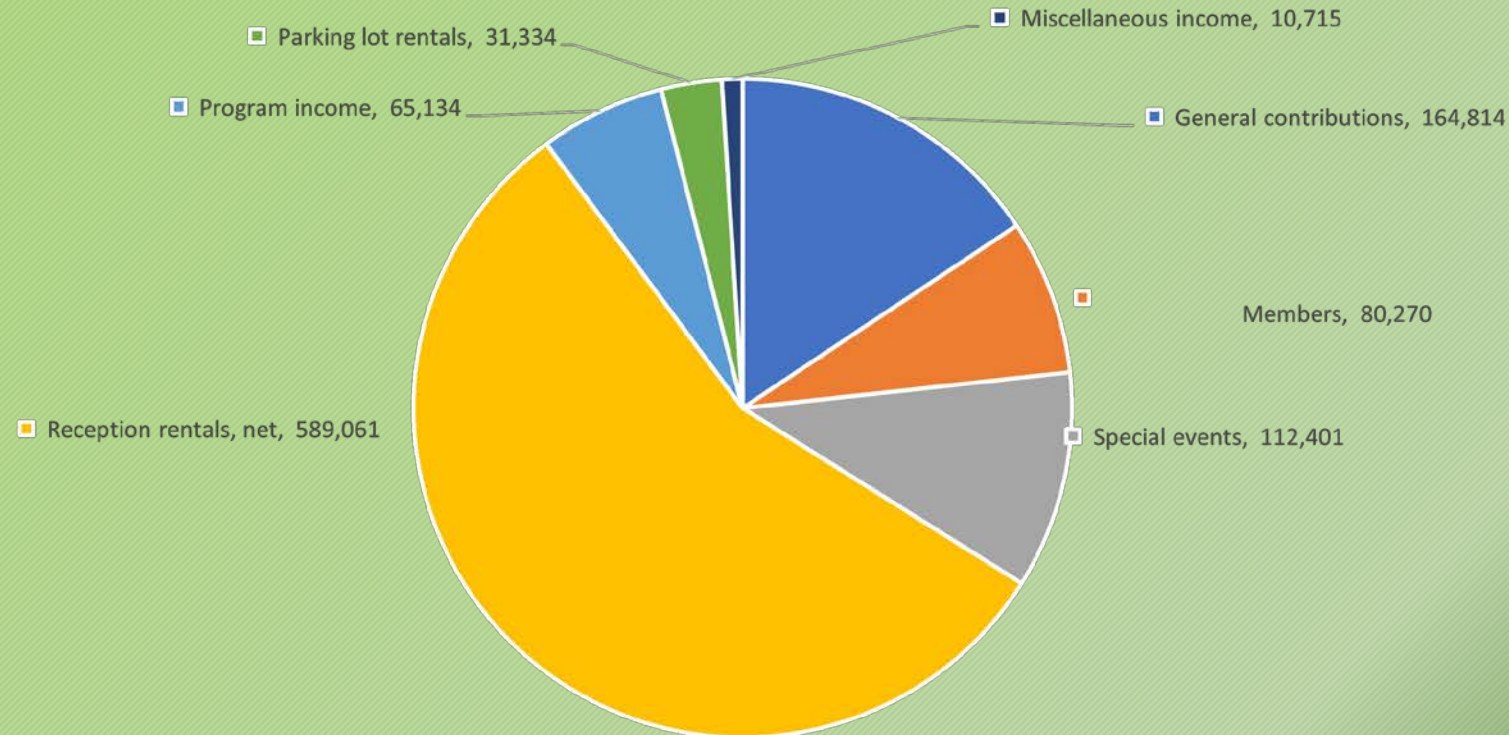
- In fiscal 2022-2023, 155 nonprofit events were held at the Nineteenth Century Club.
- Nonprofits received more than \$200,000 in space grants for use of the building.
- Among the nonprofits that benefitted: All Nations Church, Fenwick and OPRF High Schools, Housing Forward, Hephzibah, Frank Lloyd Wright Trust, OPRF Museum, The Learning Center, Wonderworks Childrens' Museum, OPALGA, Cluster Tutoring, Future Philanthropists, Capelli Music School and so many more...



Financial Information: Revenue



Public Support and Revenue Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2023 – Total \$ 1,053,729

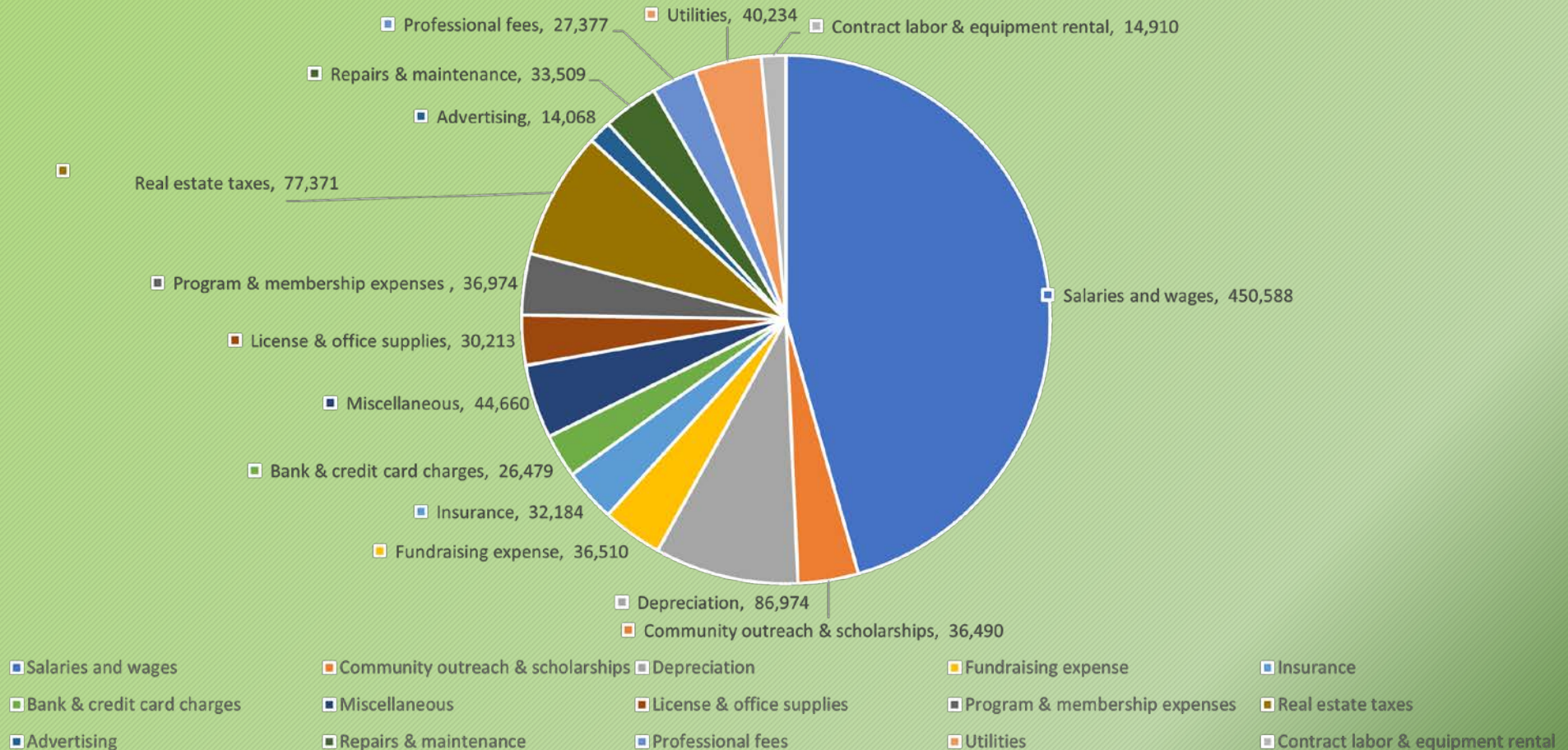


Net Assets and Equity Beginning of the Year - \$1,176,118 End of year - \$1,241,306

Financial Information: Expenses



Expenses Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2023 – Total \$988,541



Oak Park Banquets



Oak Park Banquets, Inc. (OPB) is a for-profit Corporation created by in April 2015 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Nineteenth. This effort strengthened and diversified revenue sources from catering and rentals into our mission. Ownership of OPB was fully transferred to The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association in April 2018.



Thank you to our supporters!



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