

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT EIGHT AND FORTY

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The THIRD part of THE STORY - - -

The red of our emblem stands for GOOD FELLOWSHIP. Sometimes we women are a little skeptical when we hear a man say that another man is a good fellow, but you know men are a little more generous to each other than women are apt to be - and they give the other fellow credit for the good they do. They seem to know how to forget their differences and just enjoy each other - and that is what we are trying to do in the Eight and Forty - to develop the friendships started in the Auxiliary and to forget our differences and to learn to appreciate each others good qualities.

Then, last but not least, is the WHITE background of our emblem which stands for child welfare. It is such a wonderful thing to be able to work for a little child and to take up the task laid down by so many of our service men and women when they gave up their lives for our country. This is a sacred privilege to us and makes us interested in all little children who are needy in a material or moral way.

While our organization has departed from the over-all child welfare program of its early days, we have now specifically turned our efforts to children with T.B., C.F., lung and other respiratory diseases.

So - let us be proud of our Partnership in Eight and Forty and glad of the privilege of living up to its high ideals and carrying on its work.

The more you learn about Eight and Forty, the more you will want to become deeply involved. We have Handbooks and Rituals available, which will enable you to become more familiar with our organization. Gather all this information to yourselves and learn what it means to share fellowship with so many women through this wonderful country of ours. It is truly expressed in the words of the following song -

"Here is to the Eight and Forty
For the world is bright and gay.
When we meet with all our Partners
In a friendly sort of way.
For there's fellowship and service
And pleasures added too
That's the reason Eight and Forty
Means so much to me and you!"

Sing this song at all your meetings. It is sung to the tune of "When it's Springtime in the Rockies."

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When your meeting has adjourned - form a circle - holding hands - and sing this song - and just feel the thrill that you have in knowing that, indeed, "blessed be the tie that binds."

To paraphrase the Marines - "The Eight and Forty is always looking for a few good women" - and you are urged to reward your active and dedicated Auxiliary members by inviting them to join the Eight and Forty (upon properly prescribed prerequisites) - to join the fun and fellowship - but, most of all, the very important task of caring for those afflicted children and giving them the opportunity to grow into useful and productive adults.

THAT CONCLUDES the treatise as given to us by former Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale, May, and I believe it is a most heartwarming and important STORY AND HISTORY of our beloved Eight and Forty.

Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale Passe, May, also wrote some additional remarks and comments on officers and chairmen - and - I will bring you her thoughts on this subject at our forthcoming Marche Departementale, in August, 2002.

THAT IS ALL - - - for Part Three - - -

STAY TUNED for Part Four - - - at our Marche Departementale!

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