

# LADIES COMMITTEE

In the early 1970's when activities of Council 970 increased dramatically and the International Acadian Festival became a major community and council event the need for additional help with various projects became apparent. The wives of council members were more than willing to help with council activities. Council leadership thought that whatever assistance the ladies could give the membership could be accomplished more efficiently if they were in some way organized. It was first suggested that the council institute a KC Ladies Auxiliary. However, Msgr. George A. Barbier, Chaplain of both Council 970 and Court St. John 1214 CDA, voiced objection to the formation of an auxiliary in fear that it might have an adverse effect on the membership of the Catholic Daughters. Council membership did not share that opinion but nevertheless bowed to the wishes of Msgr. Barbier and abandoned the idea. Instead, the council formed a committee of wives and girlfriends to assist them with activities. This committee became known as the KC Ladies Committee and has been in existence and extremely active in various council affairs since it's inception. This committee has worked very well and has proven to be a very valuable resource to the membership.

The ladies have conducted such events as the annual Halloween, Christmas, Easter and "End of Summer" parties for KC children and grandchildren. They have worked tirelessly organizing and staffing International Acadian Festival projects and other special events. They have been instrumental in ensuring the success of this 100th Anniversary celebration by lending their time and talents for fund raising events, preparation of food for the civic reception and tending to the details that were required to make the banquet a success.

Mrs. Harold J. (Jeannie) Lasserre, Sr. was the first to Chair the KC Ladies Committee. Jeannie who is now deceased was a very popular and effective leader of the committee and served for several years in that capacity. Other wives who have served in that capacity include, Mrs. C. L. ("Pucky") Laurent, Jr., Mrs. Ralph J. (Peggy) Comeaux, Jr., Mrs. Gary K. (Dolores) Pruitt, Mrs. Barry L. (Fran) Comeaux, Mrs. Ralph F. (Dawn) Rivet, Jr., Mrs. Dalbert J. (Rhonda) Varnell, Jr., Mrs. Charles (Debbie) Bunch, and Mrs. Paul W. (Zeena) Bouy, Jr.

