

## **Report of the Girls Friendly Society to the 221<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Convention**

### **Junior Chapter of Grace-St. Paul's Church, Mercerville**

We have had a great first half of the year. Our membership is holding strong at 20-24 girls ranging in ages from 7 to 16. Our parents have been very helpful. This many girls in the kitchen at one time can be very confusing.

During the year, we can usually be found every other Friday night in Craft Hall working on a craft or project for the girls to take home. The crafts can be used at church, for our shut-ins, or taken to a nearby shelter. This past fall, we made cards for the shut-ins, baked for coffee hour, sponsored Bunco, sponsored two families for the holidays, made centerpieces for the Church Supper, and had a great time caroling and celebrating the Christmas holiday at the Brzezynski home. It has been a busy fall. We look forward to an active winter and spring too. We end the year with our annual picnic which follows initiation of the newest members either at the church or at the picnic.

Our funds come from annual dues from the girls, a donation from the GFS Council, and generous donations from our own sponsors whose help we can not do without.

This summer is the World Council meeting to be held in Pennsylvania. We are planning to attend with several New Jersey girls to help represent the United States Girls Friendly Society. At this time, we are organizing several fund raisers for this worldwide event to occur.

In the summer, eligible girls may attend Holiday House in Cape May, NJ for one week in July. The girls and chaperones have a great time on the beach and at the house. Many of our girls have gone for several years now and always come home happy and full of wonderful times and new friendships made with other GFS girls. Once again, I attended Holiday House and came home with only happy thoughts and great memories of our week spent in Cape May. This year we have some new events planned for the girls.

The Girl's Friendly Society has two other active chapters who are having a wonderful time with their girls also.

We are always looking for girls to join at any time.

Respectfully submitted:

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