

The Circle of Serbian Sisters original Charter dates back to 1864 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, when a group of women joined together to aid the sick, the poor, the orphaned. As their membership grew they became known for their charitable, humanitarian, cultural activities.

Following the example set by their respected sisters in Yugoslavia, and a desire to uphold their traditions in the new environment, a group of fourteen women met on February 28, 1938 to form a local chapter of the Circle of Serbian Sisters. They chose the name Princess Helena for their Chapter. Her husband, the Russian Prince Jovan Konstantinovich Romanov, was brutally murdered by the Communists. The sad life of this Serbian Princess prompted the Windsor Circle of Serbian Sisters to adopt her name.

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**THE
CIRCLE OF
SERBIAN
SISTERS
Princess
Helena**



**GOLDEN
JUBILEE**

1938

1988



The present exhibit, which opened February 27, 1988, consists of the following:

Showcase #1

Map of Yugoslavia

Dolls in native dress of the regions of the founding leaders of the Circle of Serbian Sisters.

Panel #1

The first Serbian families to settle in Windsor 1923-1929.

Panel #2

Tree with the present names of the Circle of the Serbian Sisters in Windsor Founding members are gold leafs.

Showcase #2

Photos of Circle of Serbian Sisters in Windsor.

Serbian Royal Family

Book of basic By-laws.

Minutes from the first meeting.

1959 Membership Roster

Pin

Application for membership.

Wall Hanging

Icon of Emperor Constantine and Empress Helena, the patron Saint of the Circle of Serbian Sisters.

Showcase #3

Photos of the Serbian Hall on Drouillard Road.

Plate and spoon from old hall.

Victory Loan

Care packages sent abroad during World War II

Showcase #4

A part of a display set out for the "Freedom Festival" and Carrousel of the Nations

Wall

Photo of Baptism/Wedding table.

Photo of Icon Stand

Photo of Chanter

All originals are found in the Church, Gracanica

Mannequin in the costume of the Kordum Region

Showcase #5

Photos and leaflets pertaining to fundraising events sponsored by the Serbian Sisters.

Wall

Photo of Bishop Stephan

Photo of members of the Chapter.

Showcase #6

Photos, letters postcards, pertaining to the painting of the Icons in the Church. (Their most cherished cultural effort)

Showcase #7

Serbian Sisters celebrating the completion of the new Serbian Hall in 1987 on Tecumseh Road.

Showcase #8

Certificates, awards, medals and trophies presented to individuals and groups for their dedication and involvement in community work.

Table

Antique tablecloth

Embroidered napkins

Window Display

A young woman's hope chest

Side Wall

Wall Hanging (hand made) of The Last Supper and examples of hand-crafted items.

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