

**Wellesley Service League
Membership Application
Information for Prospective Members**

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in joining Wellesley Service League. The League is a group of 75 women dedicated to community service in and for Wellesley. Service League provides the opportunity to do service in a variety of ways, as well as to meet and make friends with a diverse group of women. We want to make sure that each prospective member is aware of the obligations of Service League so that you can make an informed decision as to whether this is the right time in your life to join. While what follows may seem "heavy duty," this structure is needed to make Service League work.

You need to have a strong desire to serve the community and a proven sense of obligation to fulfill your commitments. The agencies that we serve depend on us to show up when we say we will. Board chairs depend on every member's attendance at the first Friday of the month Barn Meeting to fill their time slots.

Your sponsor will go over the following points with you:

- 1. The primary purpose of Wellesley Service League is to provide service to the Wellesley Community. A five-year commitment is expected of all members.
- 2. Attendance at the first Friday of the month Barn meetings, October through June, is required, as well as at the Annual Meeting in September. Illness and travel are the only excusable absences.
- 3. 65 hours of service per year is required of all members. (Note: while 65 hours may sound like a lot, it averages to 6-7 hours per month, September through June.)
- 4. All members are assessed annual dues of \$50; in addition, Provisionals pay an initiation fee of \$15.
- 5. In the event a member is unable to fulfill a service commitment due to a conflict, that member is required to find her own substitute.
- 6. Provisionals are required to attend Provisional Orientation Week in September.
- 7. Provisionals are required to commit a minimum amount of hours to each board of Wellesley Service League the first year to become acquainted with all services.
- 8. Provisionals give a luncheon/tea in May for the Friendship Circle ladies and a coffee/tea in September following their Provisional year for the new Provisional Class.
- 9. All members must abide by the By-Laws and Rules, with particular attention to By-Laws, Article III, Sec. 2a & b (regarding membership) and Rules, Art. III, Hours, and V, Meetings.

If you decide that you and the Wellesley Service League are a "good fit" and that you would like to apply, **please check off the items above, sign this form and have your sponsor sign the form. Your sponsor will submit this with your application.** Once accepted, you will receive an invitation to the New Members' luncheon in May, where you will meet the rest of your Provisional Class and their sponsors, the Vice President, who supervises your Provisional year, the other officers, and the Membership Committee. In September you will be invited to a New Members' Coffee given by last year's Provisional Class to kick off your orientation.

My sponsor and I have gone over the items listed above, and I have an understanding of the obligations entailed in membership in Wellesley Service League.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Sponsor's Signature

Date