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Twenty Years at ROOSEVELT HOUSE Rubie Saunders '50

The twentieth anniversary of Roosevelt House was marked by a reception on the afternoon of March 26, 1963, at which Dr. Clark M. Eichelberger, Executive Director of the American Association for the United Nations, spoke in tribute to the memory of Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

As Eleanor Roosevelt's work at the U.N. when she was Representative to the General Assembly had been closely associated with that of Dr. Eichelberger, he could speak with authority of her warmth of spirit, her fearlessness, her vision, and the great drive with which she pursued an ideal or a worthy cause. He spoke feelingly of her tireless and compassionate thoughtfulness for the welfare of others, and told how a splendid sense of humour and justice acted as a balancing force when crusades grew tense. Hers was an active interest in the affairs of Hunter and of Roosevelt House—of all young people.

For twenty years the Sara Delano Roosevelt House has been a center of activity for students and alumni of the College. It was through the efforts of Dr. George N. Shuster, then President of the College, that a group of leading citizens joined in 1943 in forming the corporation entitled "The Hunter College Student Social, Community and Religious Clubs, Inc." They purchased from President and Mrs. Roosevelt the two adjacent buildings at 47-49 East 65th Street. The President and his family had occupied No. 47; his mother, Sara Delano Roosevelt, had lived in No. 49.

The friends of the College who had bought the

Houses offered them to Hunter, to foster the interest of the students in religion, comradeship and intergroup understanding. Friends of the College and Alumni also contributed to the cost of furnishing both houses.

Six major student organizations have their headquarters at Roosevelt House: the Hillel Foundation, the Newman Club, the Hunter College Protestant Association, the Panhellenic Association, the House Plan Association, and the Toussaint l'Ouverture Society.

The Alumni Association and the Association of Neighbors and Friends also have offices in the House.

Each of the resident groups pays rent annually, but a capital budget must be met. This is one of the responsibilities of the Association of Neighbors and Friends of Roosevelt House, organized in 1944. Through membership dues and funds raised, the Association provides for part of the maintenance of the House. The officers of the Association also arrange for a variety of cultural programs for students, faculty, alumni, and friends of the College. Representatives from the U.N. and from universities here and abroad are often presented on these programs.

"Roosevelt House is a little U.N.," says Professor Margaret Rendt, director of the House. To the college generations of students who have thronged into the House, Margaret Rendt has extended unfailing kindness and help, unfailing interest and understanding. Her devotion to the students, her untiring support of their affairs and activities, and her cooperation with visiting groups, as with Neighbors and Friends, have won her



(L. to R.) President George N. Shuster, Mrs. Lisle Carter, Dr. Meng, Dr. Gustave Rosenberg, Professor E. Adelaide Hahn (at a Roosevelt House Birthday Party in 1959).

countless friends.

All who have been made welcome at Roosevelt House are also deeply indebted to the officers of Neighbors and Friends who have served since 1944 and provided so much support. The outgoing president of the Neighbors and Friends is Isabel McLaughlin '15; the incoming president is Mrs. Joseph Berenson, long a benefactor of the House.

Roosevelt House is open every day through the College year, from noon on. Students come in to read in the House Libraries, to confer, to plan projects, to attend club meetings. Weekends, many parties are scheduled by the resident groups and by others coming in from the College. Any student or alumna or alumnus, any member of the Hunter family may ask for the use of the House for one personal purpose—his or her wedding!

From noon until early evening, later on weekends, the House is a bustling, busy place. It offers the administration, faculty and students a place to get to know one another better, and on a more informal level. Alumni have the chance to work for their Alma Mater and to renew old ties and friendships. At Roosevelt House, all the many members of the family that is Hunter have the opportunity to meet and talk together, and to become richer individuals by learning and growing and sharing experience.

This was the theme of the 20th anniversary gathering on March 28, in memory of Eleanor Roosevelt, who foresaw, as did President Shuster, what Roosevelt House might mean in the life of Hunter.

A Party for E. Adelaide Hahn

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A seventieth birthday is an important occasion but when that birthday necessitates retirement from an institution with which association has existed for almost sixty years, the occasion becomes momentous. E. Adelaide Hahn, who had been tutored at home by her mother, entered Hunter College Model School at the age of thirteen. Now, a full professor, chairman of the Classics Department for many years, a scholar whose reputation is world-wide, she leaves the college she loves. Over one hundred of her friends gathered at the Warwick Hotel the evening of April 1st to honor her.

Dean Harry L. Levy, *arbiter elegantiarum* (master of ceremonies, to non-Latinists) scattered Latin witticisms as he presented the speakers. These were President John J. Meng, Professor Pearl C. Wilson, President Emeritus George N. Shuster, who had come east especially for the dinner party, and, of course, E. Adelaide, herself.

The tone of affectionate teasing to which the guest of honor was subjected was set by Dr. Meng. He listed as those characteristics which have endeared Adelaide to us expertise in teaching and research, meticulousness in administration, tenacity, hats and "pomes." Dr. Meng delighted everyone by reading verse he had composed for the evening.

Dr. Levy borrowed a page from E. Adelaide's book by calling the roll of those present: colleagues, friends other than Hunter-associated, college-mates, high school friends and Model School-mates. Alice Webber and Jean Toplitz Wilde proudly stood for this last category.

"I have been *porcus ante margaritam*. I call upon