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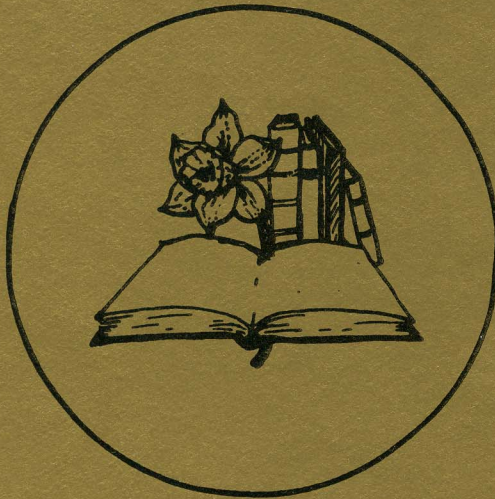
# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

HOUR-A-DAY STUDY CLUB

WINDSOR, ONTARIO

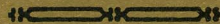
**BANQUET**

SKYLINE ROOM — CLEARY AUDITORIUM  
201 RIVERSIDE DRIVE WEST



**Shirley Chisholm**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Friday, February 10, 1984 - 7 P.M.

## The Hour-A-Day Study Club

The Hour-A-Day Study Club was organized on February 20th, 1934 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Jacobs, Lillian Street, Windsor, by a group of fifteen women interested in the welfare of their children. The purpose of the Club was the improvement of its members by study and community involvement and the encouragement of the children toward higher education.

The first President, Mrs. Ardella Jacobs, conducted club meetings regularly, with strict parliamentary procedure, twice each month, at her home, for eight years. The Club owes a great deal to her leadership and dedication to the rearing of children of good character and high ideals, disciplined and educated to take their place in life. Her vision, at a time when we faced many closed doors, and employment for us was restricted almost entirely to the labour and service fields, prompted us to reach out into the community and become involved in every wholesome activity which was open to the public.

Members were delegated to attend meetings and bring back comprehensive written reports. All current events were of great interest. At the same time we studied concerns of the home - physical and mental health, nutrition, feeding the family economically, marriage problems, birth control and family planning, and The Charter of Human Rights.

In 1935 we affiliated with the Local Council of Women and learned first hand of the activities of other women's organizations in the city. Our members became active in their respective Home and School Clubs.

We learned child psychology from books, lectures, classes, courses, pamphlets and discussions. We were in touch with such activities as The United Nations' Organization, Homemakers Conference, Community Welfare Council, Conference on Rearing Children of Goodwill, The National Health League, Canadian Association of Consumers, films on Negro life in the South, Leadership and Recreation Courses, International teas, the Handicraft Guild, the Current Topic Study Club of Detroit, the YWCA and many others.

During the war years we worked closely with the Red Cross, knitting and sewing many articles for their disposal. We served at the Canada Salvage office, canvassed for the Legion and "adopted" a soldier to whom we sent gifts overseas.

Each June we gave a Graduates' Party for pupils of Mercer Street School so long as the need existed.

We held annually a public cultural programme, featuring outstanding musical artists and contributed the proceeds to our Scholarship Fund.

Members contributed individually and collectively toward establishing the North American Black Historical Museum at Amherstburg.

## THE HOUR-A-DAY STUDY CLUB (Cont'd)

In 1977 our Club hosted the Fourth National Congress of Black Women, held at the Holiday Inn, Windsor.

However, since 1946, our primary activity has been the provision of financial aid to our High School graduates. A Scholarship Trust Fund was established to encourage our youth to continue their education. More than a hundred Scholarships and Bursaries have been awarded. Many of our successful young men and women of today, now employed in a great variety of skilled occupations and professions, recall, with gratitude, the presentation of these coveted awards.

We hold annually a Parents' Banquet in commemoration of our founding. On this, our fiftieth anniversary, we take pride in the accomplishments of our succeeding generations as we press forward to pursue our motto:

"WORKING TOGETHER FOR COMMUNITY BETTERMENT"



### Mrs. Shirley Chisholm -- Biographical Sketch

Mrs. Shirley Chisholm (D-NY) was the first Black woman ever elected to the Congress of the United States, where she served with dignity as a positive force in the National Black Community and in the Capitol -- a source of pride to women across the nation.

In 1972 she made history by seriously campaigning for the Democratic Party nomination for President -- the first Black woman to seek the nation's highest office. She is the only woman to sit on the powerful House Rules Committee. She has vigorously championed the rights of Blacks and Third World people, women, Native Americans and the poor. A few of her legislative achievements are the Minimum Wage Bill for Domestic Workers and Title 1 Educational Aid for Disadvantaged Children.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 30, 1924, Shirley Chisholm spent her early childhood on the Island of Barbados in the West Indies. She has worked as a school teacher, director of a day nursery and New York State Assembly woman, prior to her distinguished tenure of service in the United States Congress.

She earned a B.A. degree (cum laude) and both an M.A. degree in Education and Diploma in Administration from Columbia University, and has been awarded honorary degrees from many prestigious colleges and universities. She writes and speaks fluent Spanish and is the author of two books: "Unbought and Unbossed", her autobiography; and "The Good Fight", the story of her 1972 bid for the Presidency. Mrs. Chisholm plans to teach, lecture and write towards the creation of a new national state of mind that demands peace, prosperity and equality for all.