A woman’s place is in the YWCA: The World War II years

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In the 1940s, the Williamson Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) both expanded offerings for the community and created special programs to prepare the young women for a war effort. A young woman who participated was the author of this article, Janet McNeil Hurlebet. The YWCA was the only leadership community for women. The World Fellowship Committee was devoted to “serving for a new world order in the midst of world crisis” and educated and emphasized leadership in all races, nations and social groups. This was especially true for the YWCA in the Philippines, China or Mexico, which was one of the most prominent areas for young women to serve.

The Cosmopolitan Club

In 1941, the new Cosmopolitan Club brought together women whose families were moving to the area with the proceeds going to the Chinese Relief Fund.

The Hostess Club

The purpose of the Hostess Club was to provide entertainment for the men working at the war industry plants. The club was open to both married and single women and provided a social outlet for them to meet and socialize. The club offered various activities such as dances, luncheons, and teas.

The Hostess Club also provided a place for women to meet and socialize. They organized luncheons, teas, and dances for the men working at the war industry plants. The club was open to women of all ages and backgrounds and provided a place for them to connect and form friendships. The club was an important part of the social life of the community during the war years.