

PATCHOGUE SOROSIS: THE EARLY YEARS, 1897-1921
A LOCAL PROGRESSIVE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION ON THE MOVE
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Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith

Elizabeth Mott Smith, 1st President of Sorosis

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1897

- “Patchogue Sorosis. – The ladies of Patchogue have organized a Sorosis Circle. Mrs. Wilmot [Elizabeth] M. Smith is President. They are to have a club room, an auditorium, one-a-week teas, a monthly gentleman’s reception, cards, dancing, lectures, etc. Patchogue is Progressive.” *The Corrector*, December 11, 1897: p. 2.
- “A Sorosis in Patchogue: A Circle of the Society Organized by Mrs. Wilmot Smith, Who is Made First President. The Membership Made Up of Progressive, Energetic Women Leaders of the Village Society – Quarters Engaged in a New Building Wher the Sterner Sex Will Be Entertained Occasionally. List of Officers and Members.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, December 12, 1897: p. 22.

1898

- “The Patchogue Sorosis entertained a number of men friends Monday night, it being the second of the series of men’s nights.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, April 1, 1898: p. 1.
- “Patriotic Long Island. Greenport Organizes a Home Guard. Patchogue Sorosis Discusses the War.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, April 28, 1898: p. 4.
- “Men’s Night at Sorosis.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, May 10, 1898: p. 1.
- “Editors at Patchogue. Welcomed by the Civic Officials and Entertained at the Clifton House.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, June 30, 1898: p. 4.

- “The Problem of Getting a Husband.” *New York Times*, June 30, 1898: 4.
- “The members of the Patchogue Sorosis, of which Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith is at the head, is arranging to give an amateur circus in that village on Aug. 5. Ben B. Vernon is master of ceremonies, and his previous success with amateurs is a guarantee that the circus will ‘carry the town.’ It is not impossible that our Patchogue friends will come over the hills with it, and should they do so they will receive a warm welcome by their North Side friends.” *Port Jefferson Echo*, July 23, 1898: p. 3.
- “Patchogue, L.I., August 5—To-night the Sorosis will give its Burlesque Circus at the grounds of Mrs. Kate L. Gilbert. There will be every attraction of the usual country circus, from the clown up to the Jumbo elephant. Most of those who will take part are local talent, though there are several from Brooklyn and Manhattan on the programme. Accommodation for one thousand.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, August 5, 1898: p. 4.
- “Latest Long Island News, Patchogue’s Sorosis Gives a Burlesque Circus at the Gilbert Summer Home. Society Women Participate in a Street Parade and then Give an Amusing Show Under a Tent to the Biggest Audience Ever Got Together in the Village—All the Features of the Circus Reproduced to the Life.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, August 6, 1898: p. 4.
- “Long Island Club Women: To Hold Their Annual Meeting at Patchogue on May 23.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, November 15, 1898: p. 7.
- “The annual meeting and election of officers of the Patchogue Sorosis was held on Tuesday evening. The election resulted as follows: Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith, president; Mrs. L.S. Edwards, and Mrs. T. L. Roe, vice presidents; Miss Lila Conklin, treasurer; Miss M.E. Brundage, recording secretary; Miss Luella Newins, corresponding secretary.” *Suffolk County News*, December 9, 1898: p. 4.

1899

- “Patchogue Sorosis.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, January 31, 1899: p. 7. Formal debate over whether the teacher’s or mother’s influence over the child is greater.
- “Patchogue Sorosis.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, February 7, 1899: p. 7. – Lecture: “Poetry as a Source of Pleasure and Culture”, by Rev. Dr. Pullman of the M.E. Church
- “Patchogue Sorosis.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, February 28, 1899: p. 7. – Meeting theme: “American Humorists”
- “Patchogue Sorosis.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, March 14, 1899: p. 7. – Planning a benefit entertainment for a local blind child and delivery of several papers on “Actresses Who have Become Peeresses”
- “A Sorosis Lecture.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, March 28, 1899: p. 7. – Dr. Petit, on “Physiognomy”
- “To Welcome Women’s Clubs.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, April 14, 1899: p. 11. – Long Island Women’s Clubs to meet in the [New] Lyceum [on Lake St.] in May, at the invitation of Patchogue Sorosis.
- “Beautiful and Thriving Patchogue.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, April 16, 1899: p. 23. – Among other things, John Potter mentioned that, “During the past year there has been great improvement in real estate in Patchogue. Since the brick-pavement was laid on Main Street and Ocean Avenue, the Patchogue Investment Company has erected a fine brick building [the *Syndicate building*, N. side of W. Main St, not far from the 4 Corners] and has rented most of the stores on the first floor and a number of offices on the second. Judge Wilmot M. Smith has his court room in this building and the *Patchogue Sorosis* has a *fine club room on the second floor*. The Argus [newspaper] office occupies a portion of the third floor.”

- “The Patchogue Sorosis will give an entertainment on Friday evening, entitled, ‘The District School’ for the benefit of the 12 year old son of Marcellus V. fRoe, who has recently become totally blind.” *Suffolk County News*, April 21, 1899: p. 2.
- “Council of Women’s Clubs: To Be the Guests of the Patchogue Sorosis Next Tuesday, at Their Annual Convention. Programme of the Meeting and Names of the Delegates – To Enjoy the Hospitality of the South Side.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, May 21, 1899: p. 37.
- “Brooklyn Women Invade Patchogue. Annual Convention of the Long Island Clubs in the Congregational Church, Luncheon Served by Sorosis. Delegates and Visitors Travel on a Special – Shown the Sights of the Village – The Day’s Programme. Some of the Papers.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, May 23, 1899: p. 8.
- “The *Long Island Council of Women’s Clubs* met at Patchogue on Tuesday. There were between 450 and **500 delegates** representing 25 Brooklyn clubs and about as many from villages in other parts of the Island. *Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith*, President of the Patchogue Sorosis was *Chairman of the Council*.” *The Corrector*, May 27, 1899: p. 2.
- “*Patchogue, the Mecca of conventions*, was visited on Tuesday last by the *Council of the Long Island Federation of Women’s Clubs*. A Special train of seven cars conveyed the visitors from Brooklyn to the place of meeting. The Congregational Church was headquarters. At the opening session District Attorney [Walter] Jaycox delivered an address of welcome. *Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith*, president of the Patchogue Sorosis, then tendered a hearty welcome to the visitors. After an address in response by *Marianna W. Chapma*, of Brooklyn, the delegates adjourned to the club room of the Patchogue Sorosis, where lunch was served. The business session began at 2 o’clock in the Congregational Church, ad was followed by ten-minute papers on ‘Philanthropic Economics,’ by *Dr. Alice Cole Campbell*; ‘Scientific Economics,’ *Dr. Lucy Hall Brown*; ‘Home Education,’ *Mrs. Franklin H. Hooper*; ‘Relation of the Franchise to Education,’ *Mrs. Mary E. Craigie*; ‘Library Work,’ *Mrs. Charles Mason Fairbanks* (read by *Mrs. Cornell*); ‘The Value of Federation,’ *Mrs. Charles B. Bartram*; *Miss Lida Frank Price* rendered several solos.” *Long-Islander*, May 27, 1899: p. 4.
- “Wednesday evening the second annual reception, by Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Weeks, to the Patchogue Sorosis, was held at the Ocean Avenue Hotel. There was a large number present, and a most pleasant evening was spent. Dancing and card playing were the features.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, July 2, 1899: p. 24.
- “A Sorosis Vaudeville.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, July 19, 1899: p. 7. – “In Brightest America,” was presented at the Lyceum (article lists the cast)
- “Theatricals by Sorosis. Patchogue Amateurs Produce a Musical Melange Coached by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dixie. Dewey One of the Characters; *Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith* and Other South Side Enthusiasts Score a Brilliantr Success.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, July 30, 1899: p. 34.
- “The Patchogue Sorosis is one of the most popular clubs on the Island at present, that fact being largely due to the excellent impression made both by the club and its charming president, *Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith*, on the occasion of its entertaining the Long Island Council in the spring Sorosis has already resumed its fall work, meeting every Monday evening for a literary programme, and on Wednesday afternoons socially. The plan of work for the winter has not yet been definitely decided on.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, September 26, 1899: p. 7.
- “...Patchogue Sorosis opened the hall last week. To-morrow evening it will have a meeting with a programme prepared under the direction of *Mrs. Vunk* < *Miss Mary Bailey*, and *Miss Luella Norris*.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, October 1, 1899: p, 44.

- “Patchogue Sorosis had its first ‘men’s night’ on Monday evening and it was a decided success, proving that the plan to have a similar night once a month is a good one and likely to be very popular. The entertainment committee is preparing a programme for Monday evening’s session.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, October 15, 1899: p. 40.
- “The Patchogue Sorosis dispensed with its usual programme on Monday evening, most of the members going to the Lyceum to hear a concert given by Miss Anna Parks, the woman cornetist, and her talented sisters, The entertainment committee has chosen a timely and interesting topic for tomorrow’s meeting, namely ‘The Transvaal.’ The subject will be handled from several standpoints and in view of existing conditions cannot fail to be both instructive and interesting.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, October 22, 1899: p. 40. – The 2nd Boer War, 1899-1902, was then raging in South Africa
- “*The Patchogue Sorosis proposes, if possible, to have the Patchogue Library Association transfer all of its interests in the present library to the Sorosis, who will then add a number of new books and open a library room in the store at the northeast corner of the [John Roe] Smith Block on Main Street. Sorosis also proposes to open a free reading room, and keep it open every day in the week, except Sunday. A librarian will be selected, probably from among the Sorosis members, and it is understood that Miss Lila Conklin will fill that position [which she did not, Marian Brundage filling that post]. It will be opposite the post office and the Sorosis Club rooms. Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith is actively engaged in the work of preparation and it is anticipated before many months to have the library open to the public. The [Patchogue] Library Association at its recent meeting elected [NYS] Supreme Court Justice Wilmot M. Smith president and these officers: Vice president, Walter L. Suydam; secretary, John Potter; treasurer, N[elson]. McBride; executive committee, Dr. Q.[i.e. Wellington] E. Gordon, Miss M[ary]. H. Deery, and Edwin Bailey, [Sr.]; trustees, Jesse C. Mills, Fremont Hammond and Joseph Bailey [son of Edwin].*” *Suffolk County News*, October 27, 1899: p. 3.
- “Patchogue Sorosis had a Transvaal night last Monday. Papers were read by Mrs. Overton, Miss Sharp, Miss Brundage and Miss Eaton and a general discussion followed. Sorosis is preparing to take up a line of work in which several of the long Island clubs are interested, namely, *the establishment and care of a village library*. Good work is being done along this line by club women at Hempstead, Westbury, Sea Cliff and Richmond Hill.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, October 28, 1899: p. 3.
- “Sorosis Takes the Library. Patchogue, L.I. October 30 – The trustees of the Patchogue Library Association have practically agreed to turn over to the management of the Sorosis all the books in the present so-called library. The Sorosis proposes to manage the library the first year, after which it will be placed under the statet regents. An office at the corner of the Smith block on Main Streethas been rented and the library and reading room will be opened as soon as convenient.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, October 30, 1899: p. 7.
- “Patchogue Sorosis gave its second ‘Transvaal’ night last Monday, and it was quite as successful as the first. *The society is fairly launched on its career as patron of the public library*, and the experiment will be watched with interest by members of other clubs which have hopes and ambitions along this line.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, November 5, 1899: p. 39.
 - “...Patchogue Sorosis had a business meeting last Monday evening and appointed a chairman and a treasurer for the library fund. **Miss Marion Brundage** will have charge of the library, and its affairs will be directed by an **executive committee**, appointed from among the club’s members. The second ‘men’s night’ entertainment will take place Monday evening. There will be cards,

dancing and music and other special features.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, November 12, 1899: p. 12.

- “There have been several important club gatherings this week. Patchogue Sorosis opened the ball with its ‘men’s night’ on Monday evening. The programme was of dramatic and musical events. There were cards for the older folks, and dancing for the young people and quite a crowd gathered.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, November 19, 1899: p. 35.
- “Patchogue Sorosis met on Monday evening for a business meeting, followed by a musicale. Sorosis, which is now nearly three years old, is *considering the question of adopting a new constitution and bylaws* and these came up for consideration. Matter have worked very smoothly under the old laws, but a these were drawn when the club was in its infancy , and when there was nothing certain concerning its ultimate development, it was felt that the present condition of things required more comprehensive treatment and the new constitution has been prepared with that end in view.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, December 3, 1899: p. 6.
- “Patchogue Sorosis’ Election.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, December 17, 1899: p. 12. -- Elizabeth Mott (Mrs. Wilmot M.) Smith, re-elected President; Mrs. L.S. Edwards, 1st Vice President; Miss Susie Sharp, 2nd V.P.; Miss M. Edith Brundage, Secretary; Miss Lila Conklin, Treasurer; Miss Luella Newins, Corresponding Secretary. “The public library just opened under its auspices promises to be one of the best enterprises ever launched in the village.”

1900

- “Patchogue Sorosis gave a concert on Monday evening for a charitable object. There was a fairly large attendance and an excellent programme was rendered. Cards, dancing and refreshments followed the programme. Sorosis has several important events on hand , one of which is an entertainment to be given for the benefit of the Free Library on January 24 and another which is to be ‘A Carnival of Nations,’ early in February. Monday night’s literary meeting of Sorosis will consist of a review, criticism and discussion, ‘The Man with the Hoe.’” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, January 14, 1900: p. 11.
- “Patchogue Sorosis has been busy this week. On Monday evening the review and criticism of ‘The Man with the Hoe,’ and its author, was continued. There were several papers and much animated discussion. On Wednesday evening the entertainment given under Sorosis patronage for the benefit of the Free Library took place. It was a great success, both socially and financially. Many of the members personally took part in the programme and all worked hard to bring about the pleasing results obtained.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, January 28, 1900: p. 39.
- “The *Misses Mary and Bertha Bailey* gave a progressive euchre to their friends in the club room of Patchogue Sorosis last evening.” *Suffolk County News*, February 9, 1900: p. 3.
- “Patchogue Sorosis Had its ‘men’s night’ on Monday evening. A fine musical programme by local talent was presented. Following this, refreshments were served and cards and dancing filled up the balance of the evening.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, February 18, 1900: p. 3.
- “Wednesday evening of this week was ‘men’s night’ at Patchogue Sorosis.” *Suffolk County News*, May 11, 1900: p. 2.
- “Sorosis Rummage Sale. Patchogue, L.I., May 21 – The Patchogue Sorosis to-day opened their ‘Rummage Sale,’ which will continue for the entire week, the proceeds to go toward the Free Library.

The articles on sale include all kinds of household goods, flowers, cutlery, farming utensils, pictures and other things.”

1901

- “Six members of the Patchogue Sorosis are to give the sketch ‘Six Cups of Chocolate’ at the next men’s night reception in the club, Friday, January 18.” *Suffolk County News*, January 11, 1901: p. 2.
- “Patchogue Sorosis will give a *black face minstrel entertainment* for their men friends this evening.” *Suffolk County News*, April 26, 1901: p. 2.
- “Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden of Brooklyn, president general of the International Sunshine Society, will address the Patchogue Sorosis next Monday evening.” *Suffolk County News*, October 4, 1901: p. 2.
- “**Mrs. [Elizabeth Mott] Smith, wife of Judge Wilmot M. Smith, who has been President of the Patchogue Sorosis ever since its inception**, now some five years, **has resigned** the position. Forty-seven of its sixty-five members (fifteen being out of town) signed a petition for her to remain as the presiding officer, but she declined, stating that she considered it her imperative duty, after so long a service, to give way in favor of others who were equally competent to administer its affairs.” *Sag-Harbor Express*, October 31, 1901: p. 3.

1902

- “A spirited horse owned by ex-Roundsman John Permento, a retired Brooklyn policeman, living here [Sayville, NY], took fright at a large boiler near the Patchogue lace mills, on Monday, and ran away. Mr. Permento’s wife, who was driving, was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Brady, and when the horse started to run, they both screamed, but Mrs. Permento pluckily strove to keep the frightened animal in the road. The carriage was upset and both women thrown violently to the ground. Miss Brady sustained a compound fracture of one leg, several bad cuts and contusions, and other injuries, which will necessitate her remaining in bed for several months. Mrs. Permento also received bad cuts and bruises, and it is feared she suffered internal injuries. Dr. L.S. Edwards worked for several hours to restore the women to comparative comfort, and they are both improving, but seriously hurt. *Mrs. Permento is a popular member of Sorosis, a Patchogue women’s club.*” *Suffolk County News*, November 21, 1902: p. 2.

1903

- “Patchogue Sorosis will be represented at the *Federation of Women’s Clubs* at Huntington, May 23, by their **former president, Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith**, and the **present president, Mrs. R.A. Porter**, Mrs. W.S. Bennett and Mrs. Jacob Probst are the alternates.” *Suffolk County News*, May 15, 1903: p. 1.

1905

- “Lawyer George H. Furman, of Patchogue, gave a very interesting and instructive talk before Patchogue Sorosis last Monday night, on the Japan-Russian war.” *The County Review*, April 21, 1905: p. 2. – This was still fresh news on the Russo-Japanese War, 1904-05.
- “Sorosis President Surprised.” *The County Review*, September 29, 1905: p. 1. – Presentation of a 3-handled, gold-interior, inscribed loving cup. The article states, “Mrs. [Elizabeth Mott] Smith was

the originator of this club, and *except for one term when her health would not allow it, she has held the office of president since its organization in November 1897.*"

1906

- "A *Woman's Exchange* has been opened at Patchogue, under the direction of Sorosis, of which Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith is president." *The County Review*, March 9, 1906: p. 1.

1907

- "Mrs. Bertram G. Smith, Mrs. W.D. Overton and Mrs. Ralph Terry Overton were among the *100 guests at a luncheon* given in the club rooms of the Patchogue Sorosis on Wednesday." *Suffolk County News*, April 26, 1907: p. 3.

1908

- "The opening of the Patchogue Sorosis occurred November 16, when the following **officers** for the coming year were **elected**: **President, Miss Susie M. Sharp**; Vice Presidents, *Mrs. Winfield S. Bennett, Mrs. Frank Overton*; Recording Secretary, *Mrs. M.H. Overton*; Corresponding Secretary, *Miss Lily Conklin*; Treasurer, *Mrs. J.L. Overton*; Honorary President, *Mrs. Wilmot M. Smith*. The club has arranged an interesting program for the winter's course of study." *Suffolk County News*, November 27, 1908: p. 3.

1910

- "The Patchogue Sorosis is planning to establish a Women's Exchange." *Suffolk County News*, May 13, 1910: p. 2.
- "Patchogue Sorosis, under the capable leadership of its **president, Mrs. Ruth Litt**, is very active in its various lines. Announcement is made of a play to be given by the members, assisted by their husbands, at the Patchogue Lyceum on June 25th. The title of the play is 'Commencement Day,' a pleasing comedy from the pen of Margaret Mayo. It is somewhat on the order of the famous Fitch comedy, 'Girls.' Rehearsals began on Tuesday." *South Side Signal*, June 11, 1910: p. 2.
- "**Patchogue Sorosis has been incorporated**, the objects of the club noted in its certificate being to bring together women interested in progressive development of all kinds with a view of rendering helpful to each other and useful to society." *South Side Signal*, July 9, 1910: p. 1.
- "Patchogue Sorosis is making a success of its recently established Woman's Exchange. Its room is bright with many articles offered for sale, while home-made goodies serve to attract the dollars as well as the people." *South Side Signal*, July 29, 1910: p. 6.
- "The members of Patchogue Sorosis were both shocked and pained last week to receive the **resignation of Mrs. Ruth Litt, as president**. Mrs. Litt to the presidency of the woman's club last winter at the earnest solicitation of the club members, and was doing much good and effective work when the resignation came. Numerous other duties, which require her close attention is given as the cause of her resignation." *South Side Signal*, August 26, 1910: p. 6.
- "The Patchogue Sorosis is *considering the matter of securing noted lecturers or high-grade talent* of some kind for the coming season. **Mrs. Robert Pelletreau** was appointed a committee of one to communicate with the Brooklyn Institute, which is known to furnish excellent speakers, and ascertain

what may be secured, but whether the talent is obtained through this or some other agency, members of the Patchogue Sorosis are looking forward to an interesting series of intellectual treats.” *The County Review*, October 14, 1910: p. 6.

- “The *Patchogue Sorosis has caught the woman suffrage fever*. After a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ruth Litt last Friday afternoon, at which addresses were made by Miss Lexow, daughter of former Senator Clarence Lexow, Mrs. Seth Ellis Pope and Mrs. Raymond Brown, many of the local women enrolled in the Woman Suffrage League, of New York, of which Mrs. Clarence M. Mackey is the leading spirit.” *South Side Signal*, November 25, 1910: p. 6.
- “The woman’s suffrage movement is being advanced in Patchogue through the Sorosis, Long Island’s leading woman’s club. Mrs. **Carrie Chapman Catt** and other leaders of the movement entertained a large public meeting in that village the other night. Some converts have been made.” *South Side Signal*, December 10, 1910: p. 3.
- “Patchogue Sorosis is to observe New Year’s Day with a reception to its members and friends next Monday.” *South Side Signal*, December 30, 1910: p. 3.

1911

- “Whitman Overton and George Stryker attended the lecture given in the Sorosis Club rooms in Patchogue on Wednesday evening, on the subject of ‘Pure Milk.’” *Suffolk County News*, March 11, 1911: p.2.
- “...At Patchogue, the woman’s club, Sorosis, led in the establishment of its fine \$15,000 Carnegie [i.e. Carnegie] library and the placing of the pretty flowers and shrubs in the railroad depot grounds.” *South Side Signal*, October 6, 1911: p. 4.

1912

- “Beck’s 50-62 W. Main Street. Patchogue, L.I.: *Sorosis Shoe Sale*, for Women at \$2.95, values \$4 and \$5, beginning Jan. 13th and continues throughout the month” [advertisement]. *Suffolk County News*, January 19, 1912: p. 8.
- “A surprise banquet was given last Monday evening by Patchogue Sorosis to its **new president**, Miss **Lillie M. Conklin**.” *The County Review*, February 23, 1912: p. 1.
- “The ladies of the Sorosis Club are preparing to start a *scientific crusade* against flies [flies?] and mosquitoes.” *Suffolk County News*, May 24, 1912: p. 2.

1913

- “The Patchogue Sorosis will hold a *masquerade ball* on November 29th for philanthropic purposes and later in the season will give a *big minstrel show* for the same purpose.” *The County Review*, November 21, 1913: p. 12.

1916

- “Sorosis Club Entered: Who and Why is Patchogue’s Newest Mystery.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, January 11, 1916: p. 8. – Break in, nothing stolen, motive unapparent.
- “Sorosis Easter Dance: Brilliant Company Gathers in Club Rooms.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, April 25, 1916: p. 12.

- “Sorosis, Patchogue’s leading women’s club, held its *annual Easter ball* in the club rooms Monday night/ The event was *attended by about two hundred* members and friends of the club.” *Suffolk County News*, April 28, 1916: p. 2.
- “Sorosis Enjoys Misicale.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, May 23, 1916: p. 8.
- “Sorosis to Dance.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, May 28, 1916: p. 6.

1917

- “Sorosis to Help Meet Crisis.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, February 28, 1917: p. 14.
- “Benefits for Red Cross: Patchogue Chapter also Edits a Newspaper.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, March 28, 1917: p. 8. – The Patchogue Red Cross Committee was recently formed under the auspices of Patchogue Sorosis.
- “2,500 in Patchogue Honor Men of National Army: Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Civilian Men and Women in Procession. Have ‘Camp Upton Day’.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, September 27, 1917: p. 4.
- “Xmas Trees for Long Island Towns: Patchogue and Farmingdale to Have Community Singing at Celebrations.” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, December 23, 1918: [n.p.].

1919

- “Mrs. Frank A. Potter, wife of the cashier of the Patchogue Bank, has been appointed a member of the Patchogue Board of Education to serve until August 5, 1919, the vacancy being caused by the resignation of County Judge George H. Furman from the board some weeks ago. Mrs. W[illis]. A. Reeve and Mrs. Winfield S. Bennett appeared at the meeting of the board, representing Patchogue Sorosis, and asked that the women be represented on the Board of Education, which resulted in Mrs. Potter’s appointment.” *Suffolk County News*, January 24, 1919: p. 3.
- “At a meeting of the Educational Department of Patchogue Sorosis club, Major Fred Engelhardt, assistant to Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, Deputy Commissioner of Education, gave a splendid talk upon the present school conditions in New York State, the urgent need for reconstruction in taxation, curriculum and general community program; to tie up the training of coming citizens with the present citizens in each department of educational work. He emphasized very strongly the necessity for a deeper, keener interest in the education in and out of school of the coming generations and the ‘stranger within our gates.’ He prophesied that unless we awake to these conditions we will have a problem on our hands such as is rending Europe today. Dr. Finegan paid a high compliment to the work of the women and said he could not understand why their services were not more generally used on school boards and in superintending school work. He is a strong advocate of the Boy and Girl Scout movement. He finds it the most useful for real community spirit and urges the older men and women to seriously consider the leadership in these organizations’ work in their respective localities. He says, ‘There is no higher joy in life than to make comrades and companions of our boys and girls. Learn to play with them. You will grow younger and they will grow wiser and more helpful to themselves and to you.’” *The County Review*, April 11, 1919: p. 2.
- “Patchogue Sorosis had its annual Christmas tree and distribution of presents for 200 needy children in the club rooms on Wednesday afternoon.” *Suffolk County News*, December 26, 1919: p. 3.

1921

- “Mrs. Nelson Strong attended a luncheon in the rooms of the Sorosis Club in Patchogue on Tuesday in honor of the State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution.” *Suffolk County News*, September 16, 1921: p. 7.
- “A course of entertainments, under the auspices of the Patchogue Sorosis, is to be given this winter in the Congregational Church. The numbers, which are both pleasing and instructive, consists of music by talented artists and lectures by prominent speakers, whi are booked by the Redpath Bureau. On Wednesday, November 23rd, will come the Chapel Singers. On Wednesday, December 14th, there will be a lecture by ex-Gov. Martin G. Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, and on Wednesday December 28th, a dramatic recital by Charles F. Underhill. On Tuesday January 10th, there will be a musical treat, when the entertainers will be the Irene Stolofsky Co. and on Friday, February 10th, there will be a patriotic lecture by Dr. E. A. Ott. The entertainments will begin at eight o’clock and tickets are on sale at McBride’s drug store and the Advance office.” *Suffolk County News*, November 11, 1921: p. 3.