

LADIES NIGHT (from Scrapbooks in computer)

Ladies' Night notice card for 53rd meeting. Presumably the first 'Ladies' Night'
(Book2, p80, item 128)

Notice card for 53rd meeting, Ladies'Night, May 7, 1909.

(Book 3, p119, item 216)

"The meeting on Ladies' night was very well attended, 200 present."

(Minutes of the 53rd meetng, 7 May 1909. Book2, p80, item 130)

Professor Archibald Cary Coolidge, Some Impressions of South America

Professor Theodore Lyman, A Hunting Trip in British East Africa

Special Meeting, Ladies' Night. ; present, about 200. Illustrated.

Horticultural Hall, 300 Massachusetts Ave.. Boston

(Regular Meeting Database)

"It was finally decided to have a "Ladies Meeting" Apr. 29.

(Continuation of Minutes of the Fellows Meeting, 5 April 1910. Book X, p24, item 28)

"It is desired that members invite friends, <i>including ladies </i>, to attend the meeting."

(Notice flyer for 62nd meeting, April 29, 1910. Book3, p168. Item 303)

Ticket for 62nd meeting, Ladies' Night, April 29, 1910.

(Book3, p169, item 307)

Notice flyer for 62nd meeting, Ladies'Night. April 29, 1910.

(Book 2, p98, item 154)

Ticket for 62nd meeting, Ladies' Night

(Book 2, p98, item 155) (Also Book3, p169, item 307)

Notice flyer for 66th [actually 67th] meeting, Ladies'Night. January 27, 1911.

"...\$2.00 per plate..."

(Book2, p107, item 170)

"We discussed the Women's Night and we all seem to be in favor of free cocktails for the evening."
(Minutes of Council meeting, 14 February 1956. Min1 p213 item 263)

Notice flyer for 421st meeting, 17 April 1962. Ladies' Night. Presentation of Club medal to V.
Stefansson.

(Min2, p19, item 20)

The Regular Meeting Database lists 41 records for 38 Ladies Nights. First one: May 7, 1909 at the Horticultural Hall Exhibition. The last one listed: Meeting 573, April 28, 1981. The tradition of holding one meeting a year as Ladies night seems to have begun in 1931. The one before that date was in 1913. Between 1922 and 1981, the only years not represented are: 1935, 38-39, 41-44, 46, 48-55, 58, 77. **CHECK.** Some of these years may have been missed.

From May 23, 1983 onward, women were welcomed as members and Ladies Night ended. The first woman member was elected on 4 October 1983 (Katherine Bailey).

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Ladies Night*

1933 Club History

THE LADIES' NIGHTS

As a social animal, man may not live to himself alone, hence the wish for an occasional extension of the Club's activities to include the ladies. So interested were the wives, daughters and friends in the first public exhibition of the Club in March 1908, that in some of the years following there was held a Ladies' Night, with a reception graced by the presence of a number of the wives of members as patronesses, followed by a lecture of exceptional interest. The first of these events was held at Horticultural Hall, Boston, on May 7, 1909, with some two hundred persons present. A brief address by Professor Archibald Cary Coolidge on his Impressions of South America was followed by an account of "A Hunting Trip in British East Africa" by Professor Theodore Lyman. Again on April 29, 1910, a Ladies' Night was held at Huntington Hall, Boston, at which Mr. Joseph Linden Smith spoke on "A Visit to Japan," and Dr. Harrison W. Smith gave an account of his journey to Java and the neighboring islands, illustrated by lantern slides of exceptional beauty. The Ladies' Night of April 26, 1912., was memorable for Carl Akeley's account of "Elephant Hunting on Mt. Kenya," with remarkable photographs of the living animals at close range.

With the coming of the World War, and its disturbances, this pleasant custom lapsed, but with the more modern entry of the fair sex into athletics, hunting, aviation, mountaineering, and exploration, it may eventually be impossible to ignore the really serious part that women have taken in travel and geographical study. It was therefore appropriate that during the season of 1931-32, three Special Meetings have been held in the auditorium of the Institute of Geographical Exploration, through the courtesy of its Director, to which members were privileged to invite ladies.