

The PTA total program has much depth and cannot be summed up in a few short sentences. Primarily speaking, our Objects state better than anything else I know the scope of PTA endeavor. These Objects are the same ones the national organization was founded upon in 1898. Anything so stable as these (like the Constitution of the U.S) that has survived the forces of a changing world has to be good. They are as follows:

O B J E C T S

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

These Objects, when performed thoughtfully and thoroughly, do create in us an active concern for every child. This is the key to PTA philosophy. As a result of this deep concern for all children and an unselfish willingness to give of our time, good leadership is born. Miner has had many of its leaders go deeper into PTA service on the Council and State levels that has brought honor and distinction to the school; but more than that--it has served youth! This is the important factor.

I hasten to add, however, that all leaders must have followers to be effective. When I look at the roster of the leader's names at Miner, I am acutely aware of the incomplete picture. A President can only be as effective as her association's helping hands, for here is where the HEART of the organization is. Many hundreds of names would share the spotlight of the leader's roll if we could but list all those who have been the pulse of activity in these many years. How can one do honor and justice to them all, except to say-- "Well done thou good and faithful servant"! It seems so inadequate; and yet, I know, that the personal satisfaction each received from his own effort is the only reward really necessary. However, if we are looking for rewards here is where we will find it: deep in the knowledge that we have helped the under-privileged, inspired challenge, developed character, taught integrity, encouraged respect, fostered a desire to learn, provided health and safety measures and above all, shared the love of children. All of which adds up to a big step forward in world brotherhood.

In the thirty eight years of PTA since we became a part of