








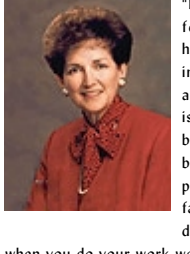
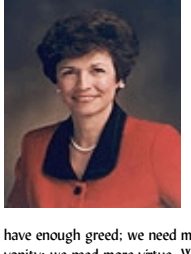
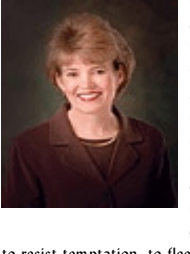


Who am I?

Young Women General Presidents

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Events:

1880 — Sister Taylor begins service as first general president of the YLMIA

1889 — First issue of the monthly *Young Woman's Journal* issued

1893 — Tuesday night designated as Mutual night

1898 — Traveling Mutual Improvement Association (MIA) libraries are begun

1902 — Joint opening exercises are held for young men and young women

1904 — Name is changed to Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association

First Counselors:

Margaret Young Taylor (June 19, 1880–1887)

Maria Young Dougal (1887–December 6, 1904)

Second Counselor:

Martha Horne Tingey (June 19, 1880–December 6, 1904)

Martha Horne Tingey (1905–1929)

"My heart is with the Mutual Improvement work. . . . I love the youth of Zion. I am anxious . . . that they may become a mighty army for righteousness in the kingdom of God" (in *Keepers of the Flame*, 27).



Events:

- 1912 — First summer camp for girls is held (Liberty Stake)
- 1913 — First Churchwide speech and other contests are held during June conference
- 1913 — Beehive Girls program is organized
- 1920 — YLMIA operates Beehive House as a home for girls
- 1920 — Roadshows written and performed, sponsored by the MIA
- 1922 — Summer home for girls' camp built at Brighton (Big Cottonwood Canyon)
- 1922 — Gold and green become the official colors of MIA
- 1922 — First Gold and Green Ball is held
- 1925 — Golden Jubilee is held with YMMIA

First Counselor:

Ruth May Fox (April 5, 1905–March 28, 1929)

Second Counselors:

Mae Taylor Nystrom (April 5, 1905–July 15, 1923)

Lucy Grant Cannon (July 15, 1923–March 28, 1929)

Ruth May Fox (1929–1937)

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Events:

- 1930 — Sister Fox writes "Carry On" for M-Men and Gleaner centennial celebration
- 1932 — Lion House becomes social center for girls
- 1934 — Name changed to Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association (YWMIA)
- 1935 — Scriptural themes replace slogans
- 1936 — First MIA dance festival is held

First Counselor:

Lucy Grant Cannon (March 28, 1929–November 1937)

Second Counselor:

Clarissa A. Beesley (March 30, 1929–November 1937)

Lucy Grant Cannon (1937–1948)

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Events:

1940 — Golden Gleaner awards and Sunday evening firesides are introduced

1943 — Class symbols of the beehive, rose, and sheaf of wheat are introduced

1944 — Big Sister program is started for young women and mothers who need to go to work during the war years

1947 — 100th anniversary celebration of pioneers entering Salt Lake Valley observed

First Counselors:

Helen Spencer Williams (November 1937–May 17, 1944)

Verna Wright Goddard (July 1944–April 6, 1948)

Second Counselors:

Verna Wright Goddard (November 1937–July 1944)

Lucy Taylor Andersen (July 6, 1944–April 6, 1948)

Bertha Stone Reeder (1948–1961)



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Events:

1950 — Age-groups are realigned: Beehives, ages 12–13; Mia Maids, ages 14–15; Junior Gleaners, ages 16–17; Gleaners, ages 18–24

1950 — Speech and quartet festivals are held in the field and at June conference

1950 — Individual awards are begun

1950s — Series of posters issued: "Be Honest with Yourself"

1959 — Name of Gleaners changed to Laurels

1960 — "Era of Youth" section inaugurated in the Improvement Era

First Counselor:

Emily Higgs Bennett (June 13, 1948–September 30, 1961)

Second Counselor:

LaRue Carr Longden (June 13, 1948–September 30, 1961)

Florence Smith Jacobsen (1961–1972)

"It is my prayer that we can be so dedicated that not one single girl in this great Church will be forgotten" (in *Keepers of the Flame*, 90).



Events:

1962 — Worldwide youth conferences are held

1967 — MIA begins annual presentation of *Promised Valley*

1968 — Beehive House and Lion House are restored and opened to the public

1969 — YWMIA celebrates its centennial

1960s — Large Churchwide festivals are held annually

1971 — *New Era* is published for youth

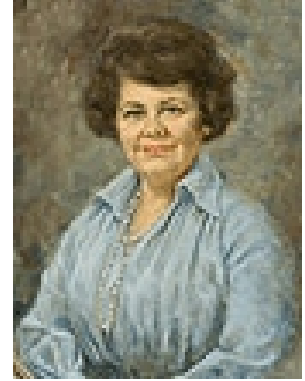
First Counselor:

Margaret Romney Jackson Judd (September 30, 1961–November 9, 1972)

Second Counselor:

Dorothy Porter Holt (September 30, 1961–November 9, 1972)

Ruth Hardy Funk (1972–1978)



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Events:

1972 — YWMIA becomes an auxiliary to the priesthood

1972 — Name is changed to Aaronic Priesthood MIA Young Women

1973 — Youth leadership and the bishop's youth committee are emphasized

1974 — Name is changed to Young Women

1974 — "Behold Thy Handmaiden": six areas of focus and My Personal Progress are introduced

1975 — Last June conference is held

1978 — *A Song of the Heart* is published

First Counselor:

Hortense Hogan Child Smith (November 9, 1972–July 12, 1978)

Second Counselor:

Ardeth Greene Kapp (November 9, 1972–July 12, 1978)

Elaine Anderson Cannon (1978–1984)

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Events:

1978 — First general women's meeting held in Tabernacle

1980 — Sesquicentennial of Church. Young women are encouraged to make banners representing commitment or heritage

1980 — Sunday instruction for young women begins due to consolidated meeting schedule

1980 — Practice of repeating the annual Mutual theme reinstated

First Counselor:

Arlene Barlow Darger (July 12, 1978–April 7, 1984)

Second Counselor:

Norma Broadbent Smith (July 12, 1978–April 7, 1984)

Ardeth Greene Kapp (1984–1992)

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Events:

1985 — First Young Women satellite broadcast held

1986 — First Young Women worldwide celebration, "Rising Generation," with launching of balloons

1987 — Young Women theme, age-group mission statements, motto, and logo are introduced

1988 — Young Women, Relief Society, and Primary offices move into remodeled Relief Society Building

1989 — Second Young Women worldwide celebration, "Stand for Truth and Righteousness," with bell ringing

1990–91 — Leadership guidebook published and video released

First Counselors:

Patricia Terry Holland (April 20, 1984–April 6, 1986)

Maurine Johnson Turley (April 6, 1986–April 4, 1987)

Jayne Broadbent Malan (April 4, 1987–April 4, 1992)

Second Counselors:

Maurine Johnson Turley (May 11, 1984–April 6, 1986)

Jayne Broadbent Malan (April 6, 1986–April 4, 1987)

Elaine Low Jack (April 4, 1987–March 31, 1990)

Janette Callister Hales Beckham (March 31, 1990–April 4, 1992)

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(1992–1997)



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Events:

1992 — Third Young Women worldwide celebration, "Walk in the Light"

1993 — New camp manual is introduced, focusing on service, spirituality, and the Young Women values

1994 — 125th anniversary of Young Women observed

1994 — First general Young Women meeting, separate from Relief Society, is held

1995 — Fourth Young Women worldwide celebration, "Experiment upon the Word"

First Counselor:

Virginia Hinckley Pearce (April 4, 1992–October 4, 1997)

Second Counselors:

Patricia Peterson Pinegar (April 4, 1992–October 1, 1994)

Bonnie Dansie Parkin (October 1, 1994–April 5, 1997)

Carol Burdett Thomas (April 5, 1997–October 4, 1997)

Margaret Dyreng Nadauld (1997–2002)



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Events:

1998 — Fifth Young Women worldwide celebration, "Turning Hearts to the Family"

2000 — Final Young Women worldwide celebration, "Stand as a Witness"

2002 — Young Women Personal Progress program revised and new Young Womanhood Recognition Medallion introduced

2002 — For the Strength of Youth revised

2002 — Annual Mutual theme reinstated

2002 — Words "strengthen home and family" added to the Young Women theme

First Counselor:

Carol Burdett Thomas (October 8, 1997–October 5, 2002)

Second Counselor:

Sharon Greene Larsen (October 8, 1997–October 5, 2002)

Susan Winder Tanner (2002–Present)

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Second Counselor:

Elaine Schwartz Dalton (October 5, 2002–Present)

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