



EN KA SOCIETY

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The En Ka Society is a Winchester volunteer non-profit organization of more than 250 women.

Beginnings

In 1902, six Winchester High School women formed a sorority. The name En Ka comes from an abbreviation of a German phrase that they used as a motto—*Nachleben die klösterlichen Genossenschaft* - “to live up to the sisterhood.” The first letters of these words, N K, were expanded to En Ka.

And we have been going and growing strong ever since!

En Ka currently has a membership of approximately 250 – from under 30 to over 90 years of age, with some non-resident members living all across the country. The majority of our members provide direct service to the town and people of Winchester – delivering Meals on Wheels, helping with the needs of ABC House, maintaining Adopt an Island, for example. Additionally, much of our efforts are aimed at raising funds and distributing them annually to the community.

“The sole object of the Society shall be to supply and aid, through volunteer service, the raising and contributing of funds, supplies, services, and equipment to organizations located in or serving the people of Winchester, which are charitable in nature”

En Ka Society, Inc. Constitution and By-Laws

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The En Ka Society is a 501(c)3 non profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Nachleben die Klösterlichen Genossenschaft

How we raise money --

The En Ka Fair

The En Ka Street Fair has been a tradition in Winchester since 1934 when the first street fair was held behind Town Hall. Scheduled for the third



weekend in May, in recent years the Fair has taken place in the heart of our town— Town Hall / Jenks parking lot, Skillings Road and Mount Vernon Street. It has grown from a single ride and a few games into a much anticipated occasion. Generations of families in Winchester and sur-

rounding communities have attended and continue to support this Winchester tradition, eagerly awaiting the food tents and vendors, rides, games, activities and book sale.

The Fair is the primary source of our fundraising dollars. Approximately 90% of our revenue comes from the Fair each year.

The En Ka Exchange

The What Not Shop started in 1944 and its successor, the En Ka Exchange, opened in 1958. The Exchange is a resale shop specializing in clothing for the family and is open for sales from Wednesday through Saturday, September through June, at 1037 Main Street in Winchester. Donations of clean, seasonal clothes in good condition are very much appreciated. Any unsold items are donated to charity.



How we spend that money --

Since 2000, En Ka has given over \$1 million back to the community through

- ◆ Grant applications
- ◆ Social Service outlays
- ◆ Civic Duties contribution

The Gifts Committee

The En Ka Gifts Committee accepts grant applications four times a year from any organization that provides services or benefit to the town of Winchester and / or our residents. The list of grant recipients includes more than 100 local groups. To name a few – Jenks Senior Center, Winchester Recreation Department, Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence, A Better Chance, Friends of the Library, Winchester Police and Fire Departments, Visiting Nurses and Hospice, Elementary, Middle and High School programs and equipment, Winchester Community Music School, Wright Locke Farm Conservancy, and Winchester Historical Society.

The Social Service Committee

This committee responds to some of our community's *less visible* and individual needs. The funding of the Society allows for this Committee to provide food certificates for families in need around the holidays, emergency assistance funds, scholarships for summer programs and funding for the school system for students in need.

The Civic Committee

This committee responds, through direct action to some of our community's visible civic needs – some of our recipients include Meals on Wheels, civic beautification, the Mount Vernon House, Aberjona and Winchester Nursing Homes, and the ABC House.

