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Two fundraisers were held during the year. On October 29th, a "Women in Wine" event was held at the Crown Heights Club. Arnie Serotsky discussed The History of Women in Wine and led a wine tasting for 6 different wines. There were 45 people in attendance. During May and June, a fundraising letter was sent to all members along with their renewal form. Members were asked to donate either to the greatest need, to be used for all branch programming and projects, or for a specific focus.

The Woman of the Year is not a fundraiser but was part of the work of the Development Committee. It was chaired by Mary Lou Davis and the honoree was CaraMia Bacchiochi. She was selected for her work on the streets in the City of Poughkeepsie through her organization, Hope on a Mission. Approximately 55 people attended the event held at Mill Creek Caterers on April 14th.

The Development team has begun to work closely with the Centennial Committee to hold a specific fundraising drive and sponsor related events during the 2025 centennial year.

Betty Harrel Development Vice President