

1 Library in the area now known as the Children's Room; and

2 WHEREAS, as interest and membership grew, the need for a building of their own
3 became of paramount importance; and

4 WHEREAS, the Georgian-style clubhouse was designed by architect Clarence F.
5 King, built at 802 Margaret Place, and opened in 1925; and its beauty and historic
6 significance has garnered placement on the National Register of Historic Places; and

7 WHEREAS, since that time, the clubhouse has feted countless classes and lectures
8 on a wide variety of subjects and has retained a colorful oral history passed from one
9 generation to another; and

10 WHEREAS, within its doors, the beautifully appointed furnishings provide the
11 perfect setting for weddings, receptions, and photography sessions; and

12 WHEREAS, the auditorium has been the showcase for concerts, recitals, plays, and
13 film premieres, and has hosted notable personalities such as First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt,
14 news commentator Edward R. Murrow, poet Robert Frost, film actress Katherine Hepburn,
15 and classical pianist Van Cliburn; and

16 WHEREAS, a schedule of exciting events is offered throughout the year that includes
17 book reviews, fashion shows, socials, and educational programs concerning art, architecture,
18 music, ethnic cuisine, and gourmet cooking techniques; and

19 WHEREAS, the club has a lengthy history of active community participation such
20 as hosting bazaars, dances, and teas as fundraisers, and during World War II, raising over
21 one million dollars in United States war bonds, and purchasing two airplanes for the United
22 States Army Air Corps located at Barksdale Field; and

23 WHEREAS, presently, the Woman's Department Club contributes to the community
24 by supporting local arts and artists, Creswell Elementary School, the Food Bank of
25 Northwest Louisiana, and the pediatric center at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport; and

26 WHEREAS, on May 18, 2019, the Woman's Department Club shall commemorate
27 its first one hundred years with a spectacular event, "A Century of Women" and the
28 attendees are requested to dress in vintage-era cocktail fashions from the past century; and

29 WHEREAS, the gala evening shall feature vocal performances by soprano Dr. Gail
30 J. Odom, Professor Emeritus from Centenary College of Louisiana; vocalist Seva May; and

