

Red Carpet
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The FWC Red Carpet Section of the Faculty Women's Club was organized in 1959, when a group of members saw the need to meet, become acquainted with and extend hospitality to short-term visitors. The sections' intent was to "extend Social courtesies to the wives of Visiting Faculty members, women of the faculty, and distinguished campus guests, whether or not they became members of the FWC. The goal was to make these people feel "at home" in Ann Arbor.

In the beginning, guests enjoyed informal coffees and teas in the homes of FWC members. Then the group started meeting for tours, teas, and lectures in the campus area, eventually, branching out to tour such places as the Ford Rouge Plant and the Detroit Institute of Art. These meetings and outings were sponsored and financed by FWC.

Hostesses also assisted with lessons in English, cooking, and how to operate certain household appliances. Some helped with baby sitting and shopping, doing whatever was necessary to help the ladies adjust to their new surroundings.

In 1966, a recommendation was made to and approved by the FWC Board to convert the Red Carpet Club into a special section. However, by the end of the 1960s, hostesses began to outnumber the visitors, as fewer young visitors came to the campus. Most visitors who remained joined the local chapter of International Neighbors.

The Red Carpet Section formally disbanded in the early 1970s. When it was active, the many FWC members and campus visitors who participated enjoyed themselves. Former members who were recently contacted feel that they personally gained a great deal from their participation in the Red Carpet Section. When active, the FWC members who participated did a great service for the visitors, and also for the Club and for the University community.