



Spotlight On Our Members:

Henriette Simon and Susan Cabell

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Left to right: Ethyl Cooke, Susan Cabell, Peter Kostmayer, Population Connection President, and Henriette Simon at the Chicago Friendraiser.

Henriette Simon and Susan Cabell have been members of Population Connection for many years now. At a recent Population Connection Friendraiser event in Chicago, these two sharp older ladies shared with us their passion for improving everyone's quality of life through population stabilization.

Henriette Simon

Like many Population Connection members, Ms. Simon became aware of the population problem through her reading. She recalls an article in the *New Republic* in the mid-1960s that chastised the Kennedy family for having too many children and setting a bad example for the rest of the country. "I guess I'd never thought about it (family size) like that before. That article stuck with me and led me to the conclusion that the only solution to the population problem was family planning."

Looking around for an organization that supported her viewpoint, she found Zero Population Growth eight years ago. After attending our Friendraiser, she learned not all population organizations are very immigrant-friendly—as opposed

to Population Connection, which believes that population growth rates can be kept in check without resorting to draconian anti-immigration policies. For many years Henriette volunteered as a tutor to immigrants preparing for their citizenship tests. "It's important to me that we speak of the real solution to the population problem—family planning—not restricting immigration."

At the age of 83, Henriette Simon is proud that she is still making contributions to her community by supporting organizations like Population Connection and serving as a volunteer Jewish Chaplain at Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Susan Cabell

Ms. Cabell recalls her childhood in Lombard, Illinois with fondness and sadness. "Growing up in Lombard there were cornfields everywhere. Now it's like there is no more country—the city just keeps reaching farther out." Ms. Cabell wanted to support an organization that worked to reverse the damage human beings have done to the planet. She also believes in protecting a woman's right to exercise her full range of reproductive healthcare rights, and was pleased that Population Connection draws the connections between the two issues.

After attending the Friendraiser, Ms. Cabell commented, "I have never met other people who are interested in this issue. It's a passion I have that I've always kept to myself. It was nice to meet new people that share my point of view."

Ms. Cabell has been a member of Population Connection for five years. She is a retired proof-reader.

Help us plan a Friendraiser in your hometown! Friendraisers are informal gatherings where members and supporters of Population Connection can learn more about our work in their area. Please call Emily Robinson at (800) 767-1956 to host or help plan a Friendraiser.

