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Mary Jane (Ennis) Willis

March 31, 1948 – December 5, 2015

October 1975

Homemakers' Day in Jersey City



Preparing nutrition displays for Homemakers' Day sponsored by the Jersey City Nutrition Education Program are, from left, Mary Jane Willis, extension home economist; Iris Hogan, program homemaker, and Denise Woolfolk, volunteer. The food forum will be held at the Public Service auditorium, 84 Sip Ave., Jersey City, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and is open to the public.

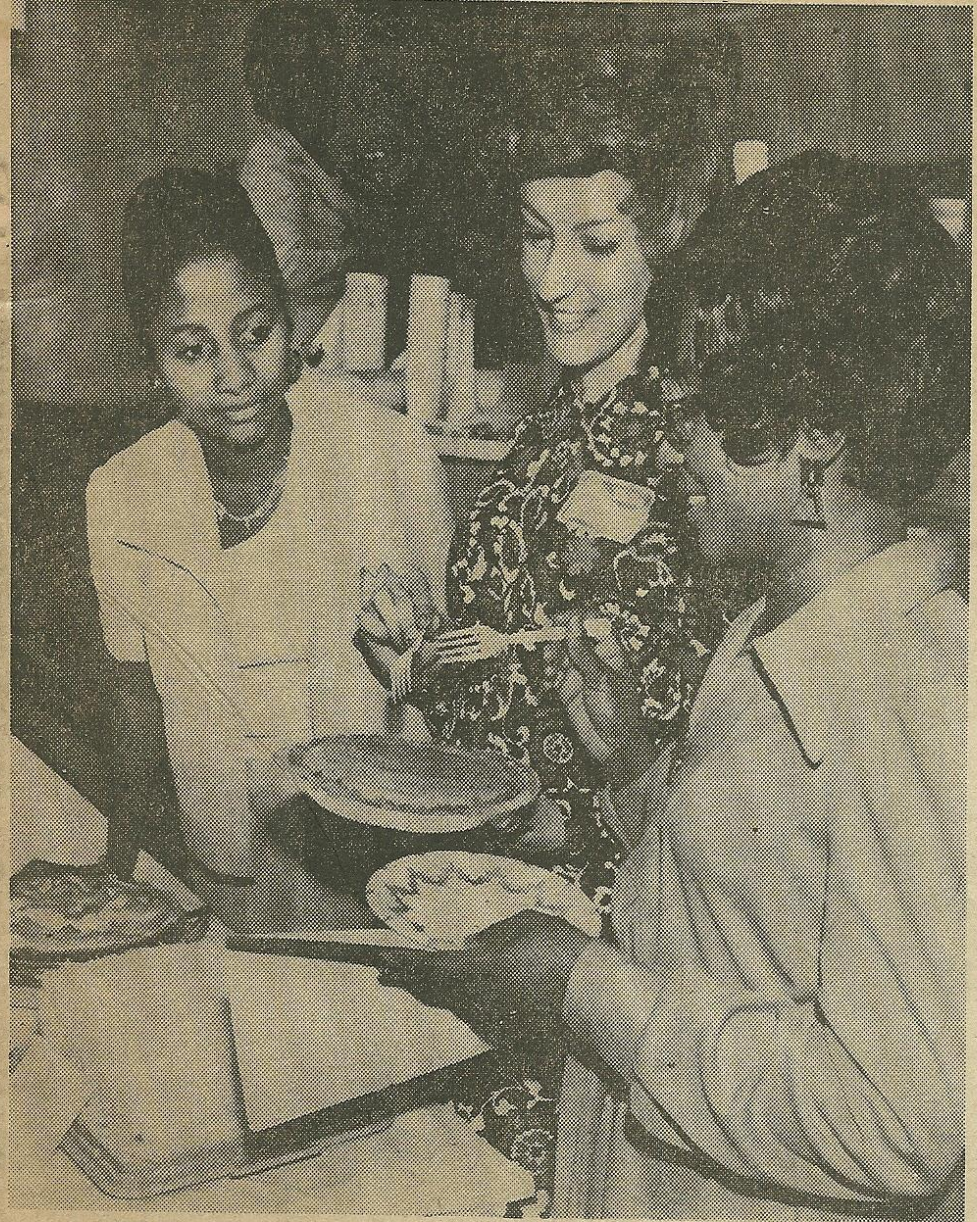
Homemakers' Day to include recipe contest

The Jersey City Nutrition Education program is sponsoring a Jersey City Homemakers' Day next Thursday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Public Service Electric and Gas Company, 84 Sip Ave. The program, which is open to the public, will be held in the fourth floor auditorium.

A cooking contest, nutrition games and information and a display of handicrafts will be included in the program. Mary Jane Willis and Roberta Moseley, extension home economists for the program, have advised that food contest entrants select one of the three categories — casseroles, salads, or low-calorie desserts, and send a copy of the recipe, its category and your name and address to Ms. Willis at the Nutrition Education Program Office, Rutgers University, 168 Sip Ave., Jersey City.

After the entries have been judged, the casseroles, salads and desserts will be sampled by the audience. Rutgers community assistants, program homemakers and volunteers are serving on the committee for the program.

The Big Day: Pie Tasting



**Her very dear friend and
Extension colleague
named this photo:**

“Where’s lunch?”



1989 EFNEP Turns 20





- **1975: Extension Home Economist**
- **1981: Food and Nutrition Program Leader**
- **1989: Acting Associate Director of RCE**
- **1994: Associate Director of RCE**
- **2003-2007 ECOP/BoHS EFNEP Task Force**
- **2010: ECOP**



Chaired the ECOP Urban Extension Task Force and played a leadership role in the planning and implementation of numerous Urban Extension Conferences

“She provided significant national leadership through the ECOP Program Committee especially focusing on her passion for Extension urban programming. She worked tirelessly for the national system and for NJ to assure Extension programming was of highest quality, honored diversity, and showed quantifiable impacts.”



Nov. 15, 2015 Accepting the 2015 Northeast Directors' Award of Excellence in Extension on behalf of Rutgers' Changlu Wang whose work focuses on urban pest management.



“On behalf of the Willis family; we thank you for honoring her work ethic and grace. Those who know her, will understand that she believed in excellence though dedication. She was a great teacher and provider. Her small frame contained a spirit full of strength, honor, and integrity. We are proud to be her family. Her time with you meant much to her. She took pride in being part of Cooperative Extension. We are thankful to all, who share memories of our beloved mother.”

Mary Jane Willis Diversity Memorial Endowment

Endowment to ensure that Mary Jane's legacy will forever serve as a guidepost to do more for our underserved communities.

Funding will be awarded to RCE individuals and teams that exemplify novel ideas to support the underserved, urban and diverse populations. Awards may seed, expand, and enhance projects that increase diversity and equality through community outreach. Proposals that utilize the national Cooperative Extension System as an amplifier and demonstrate collaboration with national partners will be strongly encouraged.



The amount available for awards each year will be determined by the size of the endowment once the endowment reaches \$50,000.

Contributions to this memorial endowment may be made payable to “Rutgers University Foundation,” with the words “MJW Endowment” in the memo line.

**Checks can be mailed to:
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