As a result of that fateful afternoon, Border Guild, Inc. was chartered on February 18th, 1948.

The Border Guild quickly became a vibrant organization making huge impacts in the community. They were responsible for the Bristol Speech and Hearing Center’s successful beginnings.

Charter Members:
Jean Atrim
Polly Bridges
Nina S. Burke
Betty Brown Caldwell
Elizabeth Wall Cash
Charlotte Crenshaw
Marjorie Freels
Emalee Caldwell Godsey
Anne Goodpasture
Rosalie Hairston
Julia V. Harkrader
Louise Harkrader
Anne Hillman
Melissa Horton
Bette Hutcheon
Anne Hill Kelly
Jean Walker King
Lucy King
Louise Martin
Jean Boyd McIntyre
Margaret Parks
Nancy Jane Parks
Lucille W. Perkins
Evelyn Stant
Mary Widener

As more and more women moved to the Bristol area from cities that offered a Junior League, more interest in joining the Association of Junior Leagues was evident.

Thirty-two years and millions of volunteer hours later, Border Guild Inc. became the 239th league of the Association of Junior Leagues International on February 25th, 1980.

Eventually, all area tri-cities formed Junior Leagues.

Since then, the Junior League of Bristol has grown exponentially and carried on the dreams of those 25 visionary women.