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**THE WALK THROUGH HISTORY PROGRAM UNVEILS ITS 20TH
PLAQUE IN HONOR OF THE LATE CHARLOTTE BALLARD**

CHARLOTTE BALLARD

19 November 1909 - 13 August 1999

Sole owner of Ballard Plumbing after her husband Lawrence died. First woman in MO to hold a Master Plumber license. Charter member Florissant Valley Historical Society and Florissant Old Town Partners. President Florissant Valley Sheltered Workshop. Founding Member Friends of Old St. Ferdinand, Soroptimist Member and TEAM volunteer. No matter how busy, she always made time to help others and did these kindnesses quietly, touching many lives. Her example of community service will always inspire us.

Family and friends gathered in front of 126 rue St. Francois on Wednesday, September 24 to unveil the 20th Walk Through History plaque in honor of the late Charlotte Ballard before the last Wednesday Night Out festivities which was held at Hendels Cafe.

After her husband Lawrence passed away in 1956 she became the sole owner of Ballard Plumbing. In 1959 she was the first woman in Missouri to hold a Master Plumber and Drain Layers license. After retiring from the plumbing business in 1975 she devoted her efforts to community service. She was a charter member of the Florissant Valley Historical Society, past president, secretary and for 18 years board member of the Florissant Valley Sheltered Workshop. She was a charter member of the Florissant Valley Historical Society and Florissant Old Town Partners. Mrs. Ballard was one of the founding members of Friends of Old St. Ferdinand, as well as a Soroptimist member and TEAM volunteer. No matter how busy, she always made time to help others and did these kindnesses quietly, touching many lives. Her example of community service will always inspire us.