Dear Brother Puvak,  
  
This is my first time to submit a history. Let me know if I am doing it correctly. Also, I was out of town for much of this time, so my memory and photos are a bit limited.  
  
July-

The main focus in July was Stake Youth Conference. The Stake visited Palmyra, New York and attended many of the historical Church sites. Among the sites were: The Joseph Smith Family Farm, The Sacred Grove, The Printing Press Shop, The Hill Cumorah and the Peter Whitmer Home and Historical Site. While in Palmyra they also did baptisms for the dead in the Palmyra Temple and stayed at a church cabin site each night.  
  
August-

August centered on Personal Progress. Many of the Sunday lessons were about Personal Progress and one Wednesday night activity had the girls sign up on line for their account. Another couple highlights from the month were: that the Young Women and Young Men collected canned food for the food drive. The Young Women and Young Men had a combined swim night with the Kannapolis ward with pool games and hot dogs adding to the fun.

September-  
The Young Women spent time planning and delegating class assignments for our upcoming Young Women in Excellence, gathering ideas for ways to make General Conference more reverent and fun for little kids and more meaningful for YW, including ways to achieve Personal Progress goals while watching Conference and combining with the Young Men to play board games during a "Board Games Aren't Boring" night.

October 2017-

More work was done preparing for Young Women in Excellence in tandem with the Young Men. For the service done each second Wednesday the Young Men drew silhouettes of each of the girls heads for Young Women in Excellence. Another big event this month was that the youth created and manned a "fishing" game for the combined ward/neighborhood Halloween Fair and Trunk or Treat activity.

November 2017-

November brought the Young Women in Excellence to life. There was much preparing at the beginning of the month and as the program got closer the Young Men practiced their part in the program and helped the Young Women set up the gym for the program. At the end of the month we held a Variety show with the Kannapolis and Concord Young Women and Young Men.

December 2017-

We ended the year spreading holiday spirit by inviting people to the Nativity, having a combined gift exchange and pizza party with the Young Men and a Temple Trip in which some of the girls did family names. On the 24th the Young Women and their mothers sang "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" during our Christmas Eve Program. Annabelle Campbell also sang a duet with her mother. Lydia Wheatley played the flute. Finally, to end the year on a fun and spiritual note the youth gathered for a Ward Youth Conference. Two great speakers introduced the 2018 Theme, games were played, healthy snacks were served and the youth were able to enjoy themselves at CiCi's afterwards.