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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS298

Unit Date

1946-1999

Language

English .

Creator

Beverly Hills Women's Club

Extent

2.1 Cubic Feet 6 Boxes Items include photographs (color and b/w), newsprint, checkbooks, yearbooks, correspondence

Repository

Local History and Special Collections Branch, Alexandria Library

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Biographical / Historical

The Beverly Hills Women's Club grew out of a small group of women who met regularly starting in 1944 to knit and sew for the Red Cross. The club consisted of women in their late 20's or early 30's, with young children, seeking to get together for recreation and friendship. While the informal club began at Florence Dempsey's on South Overlook Dr., the club became official in 1945, with a constitution and a slate of officers selected, with Mrs. Raymond (Florence) Pfeiffer as president, and 40 charter members. The meetings were bimonthly, no dues were collected, but an offering was taken up for expenses and the rest given to the Red Cross. Because of overwhelming popularity, membership was limited to 75, and a boundary set to Beverly Hills. In 1955, due to an interest in the garden section of the club, membership was extended to persons outside of Beverly Hills. The Garden section eventually split off in 1955, and became a sister club. However, interest was still so great, that by 1962, meetings needed to be held in public auditoriums (e.g. Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Pepco Building, the No. 3 Firehouse, the Woodward and Lothrop Building, and Trinity Methodist Church). The club served not only as an outlet, but as a civic organization. The club sponsored beautification projects, advocated for road safety, raised money for playgrounds, and began a Christmas decoration contest that attracted national attention. In addition to its civic work, the club sponsored programs and groups dedicated to special interests, such as: bridge, antiques, needlework, books, etc.

Content Description

The collection consists of account books, yearbooks, organizational laws, correspondence, news clippings, history, scrapbooks, financial reports, meeting minutes, and photos. It has been organized into the following series: financial material, yearbooks, club communications, press, meeting minutes, and photographs.

Keywords

Alexandria (Va.) -- Social life and customs

Women civic leaders.

Beverly Hills Women's Club

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Financial Material

Unit Date 1959-1994

Scope and Contents

Series I includes account books, check book records, and treasurer's reports.

Account Book

Unit Date 1959-1974

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Check Book Recorder

Unit Date Mar. 13, 1971 - Apr. 30, 1975

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Check Book Recorder

Unit Date Jan. 14, 1988 - Jun. 13, 1993

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Treasurer's Reports

Unit Date 1973-2002

Text 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Language English.

Series II: Yearbooks

Unit Date 1946-1999

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Series II includes yearbooks which contain a list of members, programs, bylaws, clubs, and committees.

Yearbook

Unit Date 1947-1948

Text 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1949-1950

Text 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1951-1952

Text 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1953-1954

Text 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1955-1956

Text 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1957-1958

Text 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1959-1960

Text 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1960-1961

Text 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1961-1962

Text 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1963-1964

Text 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1965-1966

Text 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1967-1968

Text 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1968-1969

Text 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1969-1970

Text 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1971-1972

Text 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1973-1974

Text 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1974-1975

Text 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1975-1976

Text 2 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1976-1977

Text 2 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

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Unit Date 1987-1988

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Unit Date 1988-1989

Text 2 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1989-1990

Text 2 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1990-1991

Text 2 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1991-1992

Text 2 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

Yearbook

Unit Date 1992-1993

Text 2 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

Yearbook**Unit Date** 1993-1994**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 36 (folder)**Yearbook****Unit Date** 1994-1995**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 37 (folder)**Yearbook****Unit Date** 1996-1997**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 38 (folder)**Yearbook****Unit Date** 1998-1999**Text** 2 (box)**Container** 39 (folder)**Series III: Club Communications and Press****Unit Date** 1948-1993**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

Series III includes press for club activities, membership communication, and club scrapbooks.

Guest Book**Unit Date** 1965-1967**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Program****Unit Date** April 14, 1994**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Program Anniversary Dinner****Unit Date** 1964**Text** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**By-Laws - 1966 (proposed changes), 1972, 1975, 1978, 1990, ND****Text** 3 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Luncheon/Events Notices****Unit Date** 1966-1997**Text** 3 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Correspondence, 1973, 1976, 1977**

Text 3 (box)
Container 3 (folder)

Community Affairs
Unit Date 1956-1957
Text 3 (box)
Container 4 (folder)

Civic Affairs, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972
Text 3 (box)
Container 5 (folder)

History
Unit Date 1993
Text 3 (box)
Container 6 (folder)

Clippings/Memorabilia 1960-1984
Text 3 (box)
Container 7 (folder)

Membership Committee Papers 1990-1999
Text 3 (box)
Container 8 (folder)

Scrapbook
Unit Date 1948-1973
Text 4 (box)
Container 1 (folder)

Award from Second Genesis
Text 4 (box)
Container 2 (folder)

Scrapbook
Unit Date 1948-1960
Text 4 (box)
Container 3 (folder)

Series IV: Meeting Minutes
Unit Date 1963--1999
Language English.
Scope and Contents
Series IV includes the club meeting minutes from 1963 to 1999.

Minutes
Unit Date 1963-1971
Text 5 (box)
Container 1 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 1971-1976

Text 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 1976-1977

Text 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 1977-1981

Text 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 1982-1985

Text 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 1985-1988

Text 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 1988-1994

Text 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Minutes

Unit Date 1994-1999

Text 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Series V: Photographs

Unit Date 1954-1993

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Series V consists of photos of club activities, parties, meetings, and officers.

Beverly Hills Women's - Club Charter Member Tea

Unit Date 1954

Graphic Materials 6 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club - Xmas Buffet

Unit Date 1963

Graphic Materials 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club - Picnic

Unit Date 1978
Graphic Materials 6 (box)
Container 3 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club - Picnic
Unit Date 1979
Graphic Materials 6 (box)
Container 4 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club
Unit Date c.1950
Graphic Materials 6 (box)
Container 5 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club - Needlework Group
Unit Date 1979
Graphic Materials 6 (box)
Container 6 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club - Bridge Club
Unit Date 1979
Graphic Materials 6 (box)
Container 7 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club
Unit Date c.1980
Graphic Materials 6 (box)
Container 8 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club - 1992-93 Officers & Meeting
Unit Date 1993
Graphic Materials 6 (box)
Container 9 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club - Beautification Project
Graphic Materials 6 (box)
Container 10 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club - Year end gala
Unit Date May, 1952
Graphic Materials 6 (box)
Container 11 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club - Officers
Unit Date 1956-1957
Graphic Materials 6 (box)
Container 12 (folder)

Beverly Hills Women's Club - Past Presidents

Unit Date 1945-1954

Graphic Materials 6 (box)

Container 13 (folder)