



Business and Professional Women

A Guide to the collection at the Hartford History Center

Collection Overview

Repository:	Hartford History Center, Hartford Public Library Hartford, Connecticut
Creator :	Business and Professional Women's Club
Title :	Business and Professional Women's Club Collection
Dates :	1919-2010 (Bulk Dates)
Extent :	16.5 linear feet (33 boxes)
Abstract :	Papers and records of the Hartford, Connecticut Business and Professional Women's Club.
Location:	Ground Floor Electronic Stacks
Language:	English

Historical Note

Founded in 1919, the Business and Professional Women's Club's purpose was "to establish a common meeting ground for business and professional women, to create good feeling among them, to furnish greater opportunity for advancement, to unite them into a thinking group for service." The organizational meeting was held in the auditorium of the Hartford YWCA. They maintained rooms at the Goodwin Building for a short period of time before purchasing a clubhouse on Myrtle Street. The clubhouse offered lodging and dining, which appealed to single, working women. Connecticut Mutual purchased the property in 1924, and the club rented space from then on. At its peak, the Business and Professional Women's club had 936 members. A fraction remained when the club disbanded in 2010. Club members were committed to community service and philanthropy. A project in 1924 involved partnering with Dixie Gas Co. The women sold ticket books that offered automotive gifts in exchange for gas purchases. In 1955 the club began a scholarship program for area high school seniors. Over \$221,000 was awarded to both girls and boys, regardless of their intended major. Much of the money was raised through an annual fashion show.

Scope and Content

The records of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Hartford contain meeting minutes, committee reports, newsletters, financial information, correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, membership rosters, and historical information. Also included are brochures, flyers, invitations, and programs from club events and records documenting the scholarships that the club presented to local students each year. The material ranges in date from 1919 to 2010, with an especially large amount of material from the 1980s. There are very few records from the 1930s and 1940s.

The first twenty-eight boxes of the collection are the general working records of the club and are arranged chronologically. Boxes 29 and 30 contain written accounts of the club's history, research notes on the history of the club, information about archived club material, and other historical information. Some of this material is undated, but most of it appears to date from the 1980s. Box 30 also contains undated photographs and clippings. Boxes 31 and 32 contain miscellaneous photographs, while Box 33 contains flyers, brochures, programs and other ephemera.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

The records are stored in a restricted area and therefore may not be available on a same-day basis.

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Subject Headings

Personal Names

Bailey, Francine
Baskerville, Ethel
Begansky, Dolores
Hosig, Terry
Potter, Mary E.
Ryan, Gertrude I.

Tyrol, Elizabeth H.
Yiznitsky, Nancy

Subjects

By-laws
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Correspondence
Financial records
Fund raising
Scholarships

Genre Terms

Minutes (administrative records)
Photographs

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (Box #, Folder #). Hartford History Center, Hartford Public Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

Processing Details

EAD Finding Aid created May 2013.

Accruals

The collection is closed. Additional accruals are not expected.

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