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Medra Club
Records, 1929 – 1983

COLLECTION 98

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Medra Club

Inclusive Dates: 1929 – 1981

Physical Description: 1 box (0.5 linear feet).

Provenance:

The Medra Club Records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

Historical Note:

The Medra Club was founded in November 1929 with the purpose “to bring business and professional women into closer relationship and to promote civic and social enterprises that would have a bearing on economic development.” Its motto was “Progress, Proficiency, and Improvement.” The first club president was Dorothy Potter Swindell. A list of club presidents, 1929-1974 can be found in ‘History of Medra Club’ folder.

The Club included teachers, welfare workers, nurses, and office workers in Champaign, Urbana, and at the University of Illinois. The Club routinely supported Community Chest, Annabelle Huling Memorial Home (for children), McKinley Y.M.C.A., and other organized fund drives. They tried to match their projects with the interest of club members.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains meeting minutes, administrative documents, correspondence, a brief club history, and three scrapbooks dating from 1929-1978. The materials in the collection range in date from 1929-1981

Note: Loose material was found in several of the collection’s scrapbooks. In order to preserve their condition these items were removed from the scrapbooks and placed into subject appropriate folders. The scrapbooks of newspaper clippings have been photocopied. After preservation photocopying was complete glued photographs and ephemera were removed from the scrapbooks for preservation. The ephemera has been stored with the collection.

Arrangement:

Materials are organized as one series and are arranged by material type, then chronologically.



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Separated Material:

Photographs were removed to the 'Medra Club' Photographs Envelope in the Local History Photographs series.

Subjects Terms:

Businesswomen--Societies, etc.--History
Clubs
Medra Club
Women in Business--Societies, Etc.
Women--societies and clubs

Names:

Annabelle Huling Memorial Home (Rantoul, Ill.)
Medra Club
Swindell, Dorothy Potter

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: Administrative Records, 1956-1981
Folder 2: Banquet Programs, 1939
Folder 3: Constitution, 1965-1974
Folder 4: Correspondence, 1930-1980
Folder 5: History of Medra Club, 1952, 1974
Folder 6: Installation Ceremony, 1968-1969
Folder 7: Loose Clippings, 1980-1981, and undated
Folder 8: Meeting Minutes, 1960-1975
Folder 9: Scrapbook #1, 1929-1944
Folders 10-11: Scrapbook #2, 1947-1955 (2 folders)
Folders 12-13: Scrapbook #3, 1956-1978 (2 folders)