

Business and Professional Women's Club Collection, 1928-1984

**Ontario City Library
Robert E. Ellingwood Model
Colony History Room**



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Descriptive Summary

Title

Business and Professional Women's Club Collection, 1928-1984

Creator

The Ontario Business and Professional Women's Club.

Extent

Number of containers: 3 lateral file drawers

Linear feet: 9

Abstract

In 1923, five young businesswomen started a Business Women's Club to promote "the civic, social advancement of women in general and club members in particular." This collection of scrapbooks, news clippings, minutes, correspondence, programs, directories and yearbooks follows the Ontario Business and Professional Women's Club from the 1920's through 1984. Through monthly lunch and then dinner meetings, businesswomen networked and provided support for local charities and college students through scholarships and fundraisers. Each year the club sponsored a "Work Observation Day" in which local business students visited local businesses; a forerunner to "take your child to work day." The club also adopted a Belgian war orphan in the 1940's and distributed 4000 leaflets on Survival under Atomic attack. As a subsection of the club, the Lois LeBaron Avery Toastmistress group also had programs and meetings that are also included. LaVaughn Moberly, a local beautician, was very active in the BPW during the 1950's and 1960's and a portion of her correspondence is included. By the 1990's the club was no longer; the Foothill Valley Business & Professional Women was the surviving club, meeting in Upland.

Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

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Acquisitions Information

In August 1976, the BPW presented the library with 5 decades of club scrapbooks, dating from 1928. In 1989, the library received another scrapbook and assorted yearbooks and directories from the estate of Celesta Walters. In 1992, the library received BPW correspondence, minutes and programs that belonged to LaVaughn Moberly.

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Container List

Collection Located in the Model Colony Reading Room

Lateral File Drawers 21a, 21b, 21c

- Scrapbooks from 1928 through 1967 and one from 1984.
- Directories, yearbooks and programs from BPW and the Lois L. Avery Toastmistress Section of the Ontario BPW from 1928 through the 1970's.
- Correspondence, minutes and programs from LaVaughn Moberly from the 1950's and 1960's.
- A collection of thimbles in a metal box.