

**The Friday Afternoon Club Collection, 1896-**

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



**Ontario, California**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

### **Title**

The Friday Afternoon Club Collection

### **Creator**

The Friday Afternoon Club

### **Extent**

**Number of containers:** 1 four drawer file cabinet

**Linear feet:** 12

### **Abstract**

The Friday Afternoon Club was begun in February 1896 by seven women who responded to a letter asking them to consider forming a literary society. According to their 1986 constitution, the object of the club was "mutual improvement of its members in literature, art, science, current events, and to promote sociability." By 1902, the current events section became independent and later called itself the Ontario Women's Club. In addition to improving its members, the club also improved its community. It gave \$1,000 toward the purchase of land for the Carnegie library at D and Euclid in 1910. It raised more money with a salvage shop during World War I to support the Red Cross, and the club bought Liberty Bonds which was used to help San Antonio Community Hospital.

The club is still going strong in 2013. The club minutes, programs and photo/scrapbooks are stored in a fire safe in the Model Colony Reading Room.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Access**

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

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisitions Information**

The club directors have made periodic additions to their collection since the 1970's.

## Container List

### Drawer # 1

Club minutes from April 21, 1899 to May 1, 1998

### Drawer # 2

Club programs from 1906 to 2008. Each program also has the listing of the current membership.

Clear plastic notebook of the program for 2010-2011 with pictures from each program/luncheon.

Three-ring binder: Deanna Bowers journal of her mission to Cameroon from 2003-2007

Black four-inch scrapbook labeled Friday Afternoon Club containing photos, program notes, newspaper clippings and obituaries from 1896 to 1956.

Typing paper box with newspaper clippings, photos and copies of the Club constitution and by-laws revised April 1964, February 1972, and 1981.

Cancelled savings deposit booklet from Pomona First Federal S&L for 1993-94.

### Drawer #3

Photo albums from various years of club luncheons, programs, members, news clippings. Albums include: 1933-73, 1973-75, 1975-77, 1978-81, 1981-82, 1984-1991, 1999-2000. A guestbook from 1991-93.

### Drawer #4

Photo albums from various years of club luncheons, programs, members, news clippings. Albums include: 1991-95, 1996-98, 1998-99, 2000-03.