Guide to the Wistaria Study Club of Mobile Records

Descriptive Summary
Creator:  Wistaria Study Club of Mobile
Title:  Wistaria Study Club of Mobile Records
Dates:  1941-2007
Quantity:  6.0 linear feet
Abstract:  Scrapbooks, minutes, annual reports, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and financial records.
Accession:  05-09-445

Organizational History
The Wistaria Study Club, affiliated with the General Federation of Women’s Clubs and the Alabama Federation of Women’s Clubs, was organized in 1937 to “encourage educational betterment and stimulate intellectual and liberal culture.” Throughout its existence the club remained committed to education. Each year, local and state education officials attended a Wistaria Study Club luncheon and lectures on various educational topics. The club also sponsored events for several Mobile area high schools and other state and national educational programs.

One of the club’s most far-reaching efforts to aid education was its nursing scholarship program, which the group has sponsored since 1940. The scholarships supported nursing students recommended by college administrators or the Mobile Welfare Department, and club members hosted recipients in their homes and purchased for them clothing and other necessities. The club financed the scholarships with raffles and rummage sales, and by selling vanilla extract. In addition to the nursing program, the Wistaria Study Club supported various local, state, and national charities or groups such as Murphy High School, the Miss Alabama Scholarship Fund, and the Creek Indian Fund.
On September 9, 2005, members voted to withdraw from the Federation, but a small cadre of the group still meets monthly and still continues the nursing scholarship program.

Scope and Content
The records consist of club minutes and correspondence, financial documents, and information on the nursing scholarship program. In addition, the collection has eleven scrapbooks prepared by the club historian that relate to Wistaria Study Club activities and contain programs, newsclippings, and photographs, among other material.

Arrangement

Access Restrictions
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Detailed Description of the Collection


Box 1

1. Minutes 1941-1949
3. Minutes 1956-1963
5. Minutes 1975-1980
7. Minutes 9/13/85-9/13/88
8. Minutes 8/18/88-5/11/90
10. Minutes 1993-1996 (out of order)

Series 2. Club Reports and Subject Files, 1978-2002. (1 cubic foot)

Box 2

1. Alabama Federation of Woman’s Clubs (AFWC) Themes
2. Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind
3. American Red Cross
5. Annual Reports, 1982-1983
6. Annual Reports, 1983-1984
8. Annual Reports, 1988-1989
9. Annual Reports, 1990
10. Annual Reports, 1991
11. Annual Reports, 1992
12. Annual reports, 1993
13. Annual Reports, 1994
15. Annual Reports, 1997
17. Annual Reports, 1999
18. Annual Reports, 2000
19. Annual Reports, 20001-2002
22. Award Resolutions, 1985
24. Club-Related Pamphlets
25. Correspondence, undated
26a. Correspondence, 1978-1989
26b. Correspondence, 1990
27. Correspondence, 1991
28. Correspondence, 1992
29. Correspondence, 1993
30. Correspondence, 1994
31. Correspondence, 1995
32. Correspondence, 1996
33. Correspondence, 1997
34. Correspondence, 1998
35. Correspondence, 1999
36. Correspondence, 2000-2006
37. Environmental Literature and Pamphlets
38. General Federation of Woman’s Club (GWFC) Miscellaneous Literature and Reports, 1981-1982
39. Handbooks and By-Laws
40. Heifer International
41. Installation Service
42. Junior Olympics
44. Miscellaneous Reports, 1984-1986
45. Newspaper Clippings
46. Non-Club Literature and Pamphlets
47. Past-President Reports
48. Reports to the President, 1950-1960
49. Reports to the President, 1983, 1986
50. Report to the President, 1985
51. Report for the 50th Anniversary Project
52. Resolutions of Sympathy
53. Tracy Hamilton, Inc.
54. Treasurer’s Reports, 1990
55. Treasurer’s Reports, 1991
56. Treasurer’s Reports, 1992
57. Treasurer’s Reports, 1993
58. Treasurer’s Reports, 1994
59. Treasurer’s Reports, 1995
60. Treasurer’s Reports, 1996
61. Treasurer’s Reports, 1997
62. Treasurer’s Reports, 1998
63. Treasurer’s Reports, 1999
64. Treasurer’s Reports, 2000
65. Treasurer’s Reports, January-May, 2001
66. Treasurer’s Reports Miscellaneous


Box 3

1. Bienville Club Receipts
2. Deposit Slips
5. Financial Statements, 1998
6. Financial Statements, 1999
7. Financial Statements, 2000
11. Financial Statements, 2004  
13. International Trade Club Receipts  
14. Miscellaneous Receipts  
15. Miscellaneous Statements  
21. Skyline Club Receipts  
23. SouthTrust Bank Miscellaneous  
24. Canceled Checks


**Box 4**

4. Scholarship Material - no date  
5. Semester Grades - 1958-1972  
6. Semester Grades - no date (alphabetical order)  
8. Misc. Correspondence - no date  
9. Correspondence with Mobile Infirmary - 1958-1990

**Series 5. Scrapbooks, 1940-2007. (3.25 cubic feet)**

**Box 5**

*Scrapbook - 1954-1963*
Scrapbook - 1967-1973
Scrapbook - 1977-1979
Scrapbook - 1980-1981
Achievement Award 1966
2 Scholarship Scrapbooks - 1940-1967

**Box 6**

Scrapbook 1973-1978

**Box 7**

Scrapbook - 1982-1989
Scrapbook - 1986-1990
Scrapbook - 1991-1992

**Box 8**

Scrapbook - 1992-1993
Scrapbook - 1997-1998
Scrapbook - 1999-2001
Scrapbook - 2002-2007

**Box 9**

Scrapbook – 1937-1954
Guestbook, 1987-2007