

## **Archives Finding Aid**

### ***Beloit Women's Culture Club***

Accession. #1988.46

Size: .5 linear feet

Condition: Good

Donation date: 1988

Donor: Unknown- Open Collection

Date Collection Committee Approved:

Processing Level: Folder level

Processing following: Order of material type and date

Ownership: Beloit Historical Society

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### **HISTORY**

"During the great migration, Beloit saw an influx of blacks during the migration of workers being recruited from the south. Blacks soon faced segregation and discrimination within the city of Beloit, as they were barred from joining white clubs or organizations in Beloit. A lady by the name of Mrs. Ethel Conwell set her own table and 11 other women brought their chairs and formed the Women's Culture Club in 1923."

[African American Historical Society of Beloit](#)

"The club is the oldest black women's club in Beloit and is believed to be the oldest in the state.. Officially organized in 1923, the club brought together Christian women who were interested in promoting a better social life and engaging in philanthropic activities. But the women involved also inspired by example, offering role models to the girls in the community." [https://www.beloitdailynews.com/uncategorized/womens-culture-club/article\\_5bafec54-278d-522d-b858-32f89669e6e8.html](https://www.beloitdailynews.com/uncategorized/womens-culture-club/article_5bafec54-278d-522d-b858-32f89669e6e8.html)

"Made up of women of Beloit's black community, this social group gave out local scholarships and was heavily active in the Civil Rights Movement and the NAACP; their motto was "Lifting as We Climb.""

<https://beloitdigitalarchives.com/HistoryHarvest/collections/show/11>

As of 2023, this club was still active.

### **Scope of Collection**

This collection was part of the reference collection, and is mostly photocopies of newspapers and photographs. Location and source of originals unknown.

**Container List**

| <b>1988.46</b> |        |      |                               |  |
|----------------|--------|------|-------------------------------|--|
| CONTAINER      | FOLDER | DATE | TITLE                         | SUBJECTS   |
| Box 01         | 1      |      | Background Paperwork          | Club Newspaper Newspaper-<br>Beloit Daily News Photographs<br>Programs Women |
| Box 01         | 2      |      | Program Books                 | Club Programs Photographs  |
| Box 01         | 3      | 2023 | 100th Anniversary Info        | Club Programs  |
| Box 01         | 4      |      | Photos- Mostly<br>Photocopies | Photographs  |
| Box 01         | 5      |      | Newspaper Clippings           | Newspaper Club Women   |