



Coterie Club of Beloit, Wisconsin, 1896-2012, (originally called the West Side Parliamentary Law Club)

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HISTORY

The first meeting of the West Side Parliamentary Law Club of Beloit, Wisconsin was held on October 5, 1896 at the residence of Mrs Burdge. These women of the Beloit College community wanted more intellectual challenges and social interchange. They presented research papers on many subjects to the membership. In the first meeting, Mrs Andrews was nominated and elected temporary chairman. Nominations for temporary secretary resulted in the election of Mrs Farr. A committee of three was appointed by the chair to prepare a draft of constitution and by-laws for a presentation to the society.

The collection covers the history of the West Side Parliamentary Law Club, Beloit, Wisconsin from its inception in 1896 to 1990 when it ended as a non-profit organization. It was succeeded by the Coterie Club of Beloit, Wisconsin. As the members grew older and could not be replaced the Club was unable to continue after 100 years and disbanded on April 2, 2012.

NOTE: The National Association of Parliamentarians is an international organization. The Parliamentary Law Club of Beloit has no affiliation with this non-profit organization.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION

The collection contains comprehensive information about the Club from its inception in 1896 to 1992. It began in 1896 as the West Side Parliamentary Club, then changed its name in 1948 to the Coterie Club. In the Meeting Minutes you will find all the details relating to issues and activities. The Records Scrapbook and Historians Scrapbook have detailed coverage of the most active years of the Club, and focus heavily on individual members and their activities. The yearbooks list board members, committee members and activities throughout the year.

The "Parliamentary Law Club" collection consists of Constitution and By-laws; Secretary's Meeting Notebooks, 1896-1979; Treasurer's Report Notebooks, 1956-1962; Finances-Receipt Books, 1944-1963; Parliamentary Practice Manual by Harry M Robert, 1921; Parliamentary Syllabus Manual, 1897; the Woman's Voter Manual, 1920; and the Wisconsin Law for Cities Manual, 1921.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

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- 1 Coterie Club Records Scrapbook, 1896-1994
- 2 Coterie Club Notebook - Meeting Minutes, 1906-1913
- 3 Coterie Club Treasurer's Notebook. 1910-1954
- 4 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1913-1920
- 5 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1930-1939
- 6 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1939-1946
- 7 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1947-1950

Box 2

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- 1 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1950-1959
- 2 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1960-1969
- 3 Coterie Club Board & Meeting Minutes, 1970-1979
- 4 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1980-1989
- 5 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1990-1992
- 6 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1993-1994
- 7 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1994-1995
- 8 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1995-1996
- 9 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1996-1997
- 10 Coterie Club Meeting Minutes, 1997-1998
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- 12 Coterie Club History Essays, 1970's & 1980's
- 13 Coterie Club History - 50th Anniversary, April 15, 1946 (1997.144) 2 Coterie Club
- 14 Coterie Club Constitution and By-Laws, 1964
- 15 Coterie Club Annual Committee Reports, 1975-1978
- 16 Coterie Club Correspondence & Memorials, 1952-1983
- 17 Coterie Club Newspaper Articles, 1974-1983, 2001

Box 3

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- 1 Coterie Club Yearbooks, 1901-1902, 1906-1919
- 2 Coterie Club Yearbooks, 1920-1929
- 3 Coterie Club Yearbooks, 1930-1940
- 4 Coterie Club Yearbooks, 1940-1949
- 5 Coterie Club Yearbooks, 1950-1959
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- 7 Coterie Club Yearbooks, 1970-1979
- 8 Coterie Club Yearbooks, 1980-1989
- 9 Coterie Club Yearbooks, 1990-2002
- 10 Correspondence, 1973-2002

Box 4

1 Coterie Club Historian's Scrapbook, Volume II, 1948-1983 (Parliamentary Law Club to Coterie Club)

Box 5

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| 5 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1915-1921 |
| 6 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1921-1926 |
| 7 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1926-1939 |

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| 1 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1930-1935 |
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| 3 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1939-1943 |
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| 6 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1948-1949 |
| 7 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1950-1953 |
| 8 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes, 1954-1955 |
| 9 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1954-1956 (2) |
| 10 | Parliamentary Law Club | Treasurer's Reports Notebooks, 1956-1962 (3) |
| 11 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1956-1959 |
| 12 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1959-1960 |

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| 1 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1962-1966 |
| 2 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1967-1971 |
| 3 | Parliamentary Law Club | Secretary's Minutes Notebook, 1973-1979 |
| 4 | Parliamentary Law Club | Constitution & By-laws, 1896 |
| 5 | Parliamentary Law Club | Parliamentary Practice Manual, by Harry M Robert, 1921 |
| 6 | Parliamentary Law Club | Parliamentary Syllabus, 1897 |
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| 9 | Parliamentary Law Club | Finances-Receipt Books, 1944-1957 (7) |
| 10 | Parliamentary Law Club | Finances-Receipt Books, 1958-1963 |