



THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB, BELOIT, Wi., 1892-2006

Accession # 1960.17.1; 1993.215.1; 1994.151.1

Size: 3 linear ft

Condition: Good to Poor

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HISTORY

The Fortnightly was the oldest study group for women in Beloit. It was organized on October 3, 1892, by a group of women living within a two block area between Bushell and Chapin Streets and Wisconsin and Park Avenues to study the countries exhibiting at the Columbian Exposition of 1893 in Chicago. From the beginning there was a warm, friendly feeling among the members. Printed programs from 1894 to the present reflect the dedication of the members to the object of the organization stated in the Constitution adopted in 1894. Programs for the first 15 years centered on one country. It has engaged in community welfare services and in philanthropic and patriotic activities, especially World Wars I and II. Fortnightly was a charter member of the Beloit Federation of Women in 1894, and retained its membership until 1951.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION

The activities of The Fortnightly Club are well documented through the Secretary's Meeting Minutes Books covering the years 1892-1993, and the Yearbooks representing the activities and programs, from the Club's inception in 1892-2006. In addition, the Historian's Scrapbook and reports highlight the history and accomplishments of the Club and its members. Supportive correspondence, tributes and annual reports of the President round out the collection.

CONTAINER LIST

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CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATE	TITLE/SUBJECT	Accession #
1	1	1892	Constitution and Bylaws	1960.17
1	2	1932, 1938	Annual Reports	"
1	3	1935-1936	Historical Sketch	"
1	4	1892-1934	Historical Summary	"
1	5		Memoriam to Historian Jennie Rood	"
1	6	1948	Tribute to Gertude Converse, 50 year member	"
1	7	1949-1952	President's Reports	"
1	8	1957	65th Anniversary	"
1	9	1963-1964	Historian's Report	"
1	10	1987	Policies of Club	"
1	11	1994	Annual Luncheon (Photos in Folder)	"
1	12	1992	100th Anniversary Play "As it Might Have Been"	"
1	13	1992	Correspondence for 100th Anniversary Play	"
1	14	1992	Booklets for 100th Anniversary Play	1994.151
1	15	1992-1994	Resignations	"
1	16	1992	Newspaper Articles for 100th Anniversary	"
1	17		Luncheon Menu	1993.215
1	18	1894-1899	Yearbooks	1960.17
1	19	1900-1910	Yearbooks	"
1	20	1910-1919	Yearbooks	"
1	21	1920-1929	Yearbooks	"
1	22	1930-1939	Yearbooks	"

2	1	1940-1949	Yearbooks	“
2	2	1950-1959	Yearbooks	“
2	3	1960-1969	Yearbooks	1993.215
2	4	1970-1979	Yearbooks	“
2	5	1980-1989	Yearbooks	“
2	6	1990-1999	Yearbooks	“
2	7	2000-2006	Yearbooks	“
3	1	1892, 1894	Meeting Minutes Book	“
3	2	1899-1900	Meeting Minutes Book	“
3	3	1907-1915	Meeting Minutes Book	“
3	4	1915-1921	Meeting Minutes Book	“
3	5	1921-1927	Meeting Minutes Book	“
3	6	1927-1931	Meeting Minutes Book	“

4	1	1931-1937	Meeting Minutes Book	“
4	2	1938-1943	Meeting Minutes Book	“
4	3	1943-1953	Meeting Minutes Book	“
4	4	1954-1968	Meeting Minutes Book	“
5	1	1968-1975	Meeting Minutes Book	“
5	2	1975-1982	Meeting Minutes Book	“
5	3	1982-1989	Meeting Minutes Book	“
5	4	1989-1992	Meeting Minutes Book	1994.151
5	5	1992-1993	Meeting Minutes Book	“
6		1942	Historian's Scrapbook (50th Anniversary)	1993.215