



## **West Side Monday Club, Beloit, Wisconsin, 1893-1994**

Accession # 1944.15.1, 1960.17.2, 1961.16.1

Size: 5.5 linear feet

Processing: folder level

Condition: good

Donation dates: 1944

Donor: Mrs. Laura Aldrich, her mother was a charter member of the West Side Club

Accepted by Collection Committee: Unknown

Ownership: Beloit Historical Society

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### **Finding Aid**

#### **National History**

Not affiliated with a national organization.

#### **Local History**

In 1892 a group of West side women met on a Friday afternoon to sew, read or just visit. They all lived near Bluff Street in Beloit. These women felt the need to do something more vital, something for the community. In 1893 they formally organized the West Side Monday Club. The membership was limited to 40 active members. The purpose of the West Side Monday Club was to start a Free Public Library for Beloit, especially for children. Eventually, the Beloit Free Public Library was started. Local citizens raised \$2500.00 to match a similar amount given by the Carnegie Foundation. The Club promoted the establishment of the West Side Park. During World War I they drove streetcars and were conductors during manpower shortages. They also provided pictures for schools, records for the library and books for the library as memorials to deceased members. The Club disbanded 100 years after its inception in 1993.

#### **Scope of Collection**

The entire 100 year history of the West Side Monday Club is well documented through the History Scrapbooks, President's and Vice President's reports, Secretary/Treasurers reports, Committee reports and Yearbooks.

## Container List

<b>1944.15.1; 1960.17.5; 1961.16.1</b>				
CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATE	TITLE/SUBJECT	Accession #
1	1	1966-1980	Meeting Minutes Books	1944.15.1
1	2	1960-1964	President's Notebook	"
1	3	1980-1990	Meeting Minutes Book	"
1	4	1990-1993	Meeting Minutes Book	"
1	5	1993	Notes from Luncheon	"

2	1	1946-1950	Chapter for Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs, Certificate Charter	"
2	2	1966-1972	Club Parliamentary Duties	"
2	3	1893-1982	Constitution and Bylaws	"
2	4	1895-1920	Meeting Minutes	"
2	5	1952-1970	Annual President's Reports	"
2	6	1961-1967	Annual Vice President's Reports	1961.16.1
2	7	1964-1969	Annual Secretary's Reports	"
2	8	1965-1972	Annual Treasurer's Reports	"
2	9	1895-1993	Financial Donations and Receipts	"
2	10	1955-1987	Correspondence; Cards and Letters	"
2	11	1893-1994	Membership Lists	"
2	12	1893-1993	History	"
2	13		Legislation	"
2	14	1960-1965	Club Reporter	"
2	15	1948-1962	Annual Report, Courtesy Committee	"
2	16	1968-1969	Annual Report, Finance Committee	"
2	17	1968-1969	Annual Report, Hospitality Committee	"

2	18	1943-1967	Annual Report, House Committee	“
2	19		Annual Report, Nominating Committee	“
2	20	1944-1990	Annual Report, Program Committee	“

2	21		Annual Report, Red Cross Committee	“
2	22	1943-1970	Annual Report, Social Committee	“
2	23	1952-1967	Annual Report, Sunshine Committee	“
2	24		Annual Report, War Fund Committee	“
2	25	1941	Booklet Guide “Friends of the Library Groups” ALA 3rd Edition	“
2	26	1960-1966	Resolution of Respect for Deceased Members	“
2	27	1984	Board of directors	“
2	28	1894-1993	Presidents/Officers	“
2	29	1969-1979	Photos with Identified Members	“
2	30	1942-1983	Newspaper Articles	“
3	1	1934, 1938	Meeting Minutes Books	1944.15.1
3	2	1955-1956, 1960	Meeting Minutes Books	“
3	3	1952-1993	Courtesy Committee Account Book, Roll Call Books	1961.16.1
4	1	1970-1980	Yearbooks	1960.17.5
4	2	1980-1990	Yearbooks	“
4	3	1990-1991	Yearbooks	“
4	4	1946-1955	Savings Bank Books; Seloit Savings Bank & Second National Bank	1961.16
4	5	1893-1971	Meeting Minutes Book with Constitution & Bylaws	1944.15.1
4	6	1897-1907, 1910-1913	Meeting Minutes Books	“
4	7	1913-1920	Meeting Minutes Books	“

5	1	1894-1900	Yearbooks	1944.15.1
5	2	1900-1910	Yearbooks	“
5	3	1910-1920	Yearbooks	“
5	4	1920-1930	Yearbooks	“
5	5	1930-1940	Yearbooks	“
5	6	1940-1950	Yearbooks	1961.16.1
5	7	1950-1960	Yearbooks	“
5	8	1960-1970	Yearbooks (Missing 1956 & 1959)	“
6	1	1896-1910	Roll Call Books	1944.15.1
6	2	1913-1973	Roll Call/Treasurer Book, Meeting Minutes	“
6	3	1920-1956	Meeting Minutes Books	“
6	4	1946-1950	Meeting Minutes Books	“
6	5	1946-1954	Meeting Minutes Book & Savings Account	1960.17.5
6	6	1920-1928	Meeting Minutes Books	1944.15.1
7	1	1894-1944	History Scrapbook *MISSING 6/30/25 - AG	“
7	2	1945-1994	History Scrapbook *MISSING 6/30/25 - AG	1961.16.1
8	1	1966-1975	History Scrapbook *MISSING 6/30/25 - AG	“
8	2	1976-1993	History Scrapbook *MISSING 6/30/25 - AG	“