

FOURTH WEDNESDAY STUDY CLUB PAPERS (2009.26)

Date Span: 1938-2009

The Fourth Wednesday Study Club was an active social club for Johnson County women in the Shawnee Mission School District. They reviewed books, discussed current events, and read poetry. The largest series contains meeting minutes and notes. Smaller series contain correspondence, and a series of two scrapbooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

- 1928 Fourth Wednesday Study Club met for the first time September 28 at Mrs. Luenberger's home. Mrs. M. H. (Callie) DeVault presented the book reviews.
- 1928-29 Mrs. Harry H. Brewster, President
- 1929 Constitution and By-laws drawn up
- 1929-30 Mrs. Emil Luenberger, President
- 1930 ca. Voted to limit fiction to one-third of reviews
- 1930-31 Mrs. C. E. Clark (Hencey), President
- 1931-32 Mrs. D. A. Morgan, President
- 1932-33 Mrs. Waldo Q. Burger, President
- 1933-34 Mrs. Clyde L. Curry (Augusta), President
- 1934 Annual Afternoon Last Meeting Teas were discontinued and replaced with an Evening Picnic to which all husbands were invited.
- 1934-35 Mrs. Reginald Miller, President
- 1935-36 Mrs. John Caulson, President
- 1936-37 Mrs. Ralph N. Bowser (Virgie), President
- 1937-38 Mrs. Clarence Nye (Linora), President
- 1938-39 Mrs. W. R. Nicholson (May), President
- 1939-40 Mrs. Ralph Gentry (Margaret), President
- 1940-41 Mrs. E. A. Maltby (Beulah), President
- 1941-42 Mrs. Sola Bradley, President
- 1942-43 Mrs. X. Ouray Meyer, President
- 1943-44 Mrs. J. W. Frisbie (Mary), President
- 1944-45 Mrs. H. H. Coxen, President
- 1945-46 Mrs. E. M. Wharton (Dott), President

1946-47 Mrs. Loyd A. Griffith (Ellen), President
 1947 Mrs. DeVault, Book Reviewer since Club founding, resigned.
 1947-48 Mrs. L. W. Yagle, President
 1948 Mrs. DeVault made honorary member
 1948-49 Mrs. C. D. Logan (Vida), President
 1949-50 Mrs. C. B. Francisco (Ethel), President
 1950-51 Mrs. J. Berry Hann (Mary), President
 1951-52 Mrs. C. W. Parker (Esther), President
 1952-53 Mrs. William A. Carr (Dot), President
 1953-54 Mrs. C. M. Schleef (Phyllis), President
 1954-55 Mrs. Campbell, President
 1955 Mrs. Callie DeVault, book review, passed away December 8.
 1955-56 Mrs. Walters, President
 1956-57 Mrs. Schell (Ethel), President
 1957-58 Mrs. J. W. Irwin (Hilda), President
 1958-59 Mrs. R. E. Ebberts, President
 1959-60 Mrs. C. E. Trego (Velma), President
 1960-61 Mrs. John L. Smith (Pearl), President
 1961-62 Mrs. B. J. Butterworth (Helen), President
 1962-63 Mrs. Lauren Armsby (Ann), President
 1963-64 Mrs. Mabel Harrison, President
 1964-65 Mrs. C. Ivan Freize (Mildred), President
 1965-66 Mrs. Audley Porter (Leona), President
 1966-67 Mrs. C. L. Ruthrauff (Ruth), President
 1967 Two foreign exchange students, from Syria and Turkey, presented programs at the Club meetings
 1967-68 Mrs. Thomas N. Moffett (Lenore), President
 1968-69 Mrs. Harold Lowe (Fern), President
 1969-70 Mrs. J. Robert Black (Lucille), President
 1970-71 Mrs. Hugh W. Speer (Catherine), President
 1971-72 Mrs. C. M. Schleef (Phyllis), President
 1972-73 Mrs. A. J. Glasbrook (Jean), President
 1973-74 Mrs. E. M. Wharton (Dott), President
 1974-75 Mrs. M. J. Beaver (Jane), President
 1975-76 Mrs. Leroy Wisner (Mary), President
 1976-77 Mrs. Mrs. Gene Dickerson (Cara Lee), President
 1977-78 Mrs. Ray Prosser (Kathleen), President
 1978-79 Mrs. Robert E. Ebberts (Madeline), President
 1979-80 Mrs. J. A. Glasebrook (Jean), President
 1980 Princess Catherine Caradja of Romania presented a program at the Club meeting on September 24
 1980-81 Mrs. Ralph E. (Jack) Chalender (Kay), President
 1981-82 Mrs. Ray Goellner (Gladys), President
 1982-83 Mrs. R. E. Morton (Juanita), President
 1983-84 Mrs. Jack Allen (Dorothy), President
 1984-85 Mrs. Harvard McEachen (Ada), President

1985-86	Mrs. Max Dickerson (Mary), President
1986-87	Mrs. K. P. Rankin (Jo), President
1987-88	Mrs. H. J. Gaudelock (Sybil), President
1988-89	Mrs. F. Elliott (Margaret), President
1989-90	Mrs. Jesse Bishop (Gen), President
1990-91	Mrs. W. F. Robinson (Marjorie), President
1991-92	Mrs. J. W. McLain (Jo Ann), President
1992-93	Mrs. C. C. Rhoads (Muriel), President
1993-94	Mrs. J. L. Erlandson (Arlene), President
1994-95	Mrs. Robert W. Ryan (Roberta), President
1995-96	Mrs. Roger C. Ward (Ruth), President
1996-97	Mrs. Cook (Jan), President
1997-98	Mrs. Wilbur C. Rigby (Doris), President
1998-99	Mrs. Jesse Bishop (Gen), President
1999-2000	Mrs. Alvin C. Ogden (Ann), President
2000	Club began meeting in a private dining room at Lakeview Village instead of a member's home
2000-01	Mrs. Jack Allen (Dorothy), President
2001-02	Mrs. Mary Dickerson Tollefson, President
2002-03	Mrs. M. J. Beaver (Jane), President
2003	Club celebrated its 75 th Anniversary on September 24
2003-04	Mrs. Jack Hartnett (Loraine), President
2004-05	Mrs. Gene Dickerson (Cara Lee), President
2005-06	Mrs. Bill Day (Janice Cook), President
2006-07	Mrs. Joseph Ensminger (Joyce), President
2007-08	Mrs. James Owens (Deborah), President
2008-09	Mrs. Alvin C. Ogden (Ann), President (Mrs. Wilma Hickox, V. Pres.; Mrs. Ogden was unable to serve.)
2009	Fourth Wednesday Study Club is discontinued as of May 27.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Fourth Wednesday Study Club collection documents the organization founded in 1928 in Olathe, Kansas as an active social club for Johnson County women in the Shawnee Mission School District. The founding members were Mrs. Waldo Burger, Mrs. X. Ouray Meyer, and Mrs. C. E. (Hencey) Clark. They planned to organize a group of women for a monthly meeting to hear Mrs. M. H. (Callie) DeVault, of Kansas City, present current events and book reviews. The initial meeting had twenty-four women in attendance. Mrs. DeVault conducted the book reviews every month until her retirement in 1947. Thereafter a committee was appointed to secure a reviewer for each meeting. It continued with regular affairs until 2009 when a vote was taken and it was decided to discontinue the Club. Members paid annual dues, starting at \$2 in 1928 and going up to \$20 by 2008.

The collection is comprised of meeting minutes and notes, correspondence, financial statements, constitutions and by-laws, newspaper clippings, photographs, and two scrapbooks.

The collection is arranged chronologically at the item level, alphabetically at the folder level, and according to subject matter at the series level. There are three series in the collection: Meeting Minutes and Notes, 1952-2009; Correspondence, 1989-2009; and Scrapbooks, 1938-2009.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Box Nos.

- 1 MEETING MINUTES AND NOTES, 1952-2009
This series contains meeting minutes and notes taken at the monthly meetings of the Club. Also included are financial statements, annual dues attendance and rosters, annual yearbooks, and treasury reports. The meeting schedule typically corresponded with academic years, beginning in September and ending in May. There is a gap in meeting minutes from 1968 to 1988; however proceedings during those years are accounted for in the scrapbooks of Series 3.

CORRESPONDENCE, 1964-2009

This series contains primarily 'Thank You' cards from members of the Club or their family members, and letters of receipt from various library institutions for books donated in honor of a member or of their spouse.

- 2 SCRAPBOOKS, 1938-2009
This series contains two scrapbooks documenting the events of the Fourth Wednesday Club and events surrounding its members. Included are newspaper articles, historian's reports, obituaries, photographs, and member yearbooks.

FOLDER TITLE LIST

Box 1

Meeting Minutes and Notes, 1952-2009

Constitution and By-Laws; 1988-2006
History of Fourth Wednesday Study Club
Minutes, Meeting, and Treasury Report; September 1952-May 1955
Minutes, Meeting, and Treasury Report; September 1955-October 1957
Minutes, Meeting, and Treasury Report; November 1957-June 1958
Minutes, Meeting, and Treasury Report; May 1958-May 1961
Minutes, Meeting, and Treasury Report; September 1961-April 1963

Minutes, Meeting, and Treasury Report; May 1963-May 1966
Minutes, Meeting, and Treasury Report; September 1966-May 1968
Minutes, Meeting, and Treasury Report; September 1988-May 1997
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 1994-95
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 1995-96
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 1996-97
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 1997-98
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 1998-99
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 1999-2000
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 2000-01
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 2001-02
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 2002-03
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 2003-04
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 2004-05
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 2005-06
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 2006-07
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 2007-08
Minutes, Meeting, and Notes; 2008-09
Notebook; Monthly Program details; 1985-2009
Notes; Exchange Student Program; 2000-04
Notes; Poetry; October 1993
Roster; Annual Dues; 1988-89
Roster; Annual Dues; 1989-90
Roster; Annual Dues; 1990-91

Correspondence, 1964-2009

Resignation, Hency Clark (President); 24 April 1964
Dott Wharton to Ruth Ruthrauff; 14 June 1966
Johnson County Library; 1976
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Box 2

Scrapbooks, 1938-2009

Scrapbook; 1938-1981 [2009.26.1]

Scrapbook; 1981-2009 [2009.26.2]