

Shawnee Mission Co-Operative Club / Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club
Records (2005.079)
Date Span: 1935-1999

The records of the Shawnee Mission Co-Operative Club / Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club document the clubs' activities and membership. The collection was originally deposited with the Johnson County Library between 1999 and 2005. The collection includes scrapbooks, minutes, membership and financial records, project files, newsletters, programs, and many photographs of club activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Source: Johnson County Library
Size: 6.5 linear feet
Access: Open
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ADMINISTRATIVE SKETCH¹

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| 1935 | Shawnee Mission Co-Operative Club organized with 105 members (Oct. 14) |
| 1938 | New sponsorship--Northeast Johnson County band |
| 1941 | Contributed to Community chest |
| 1942-1945 | Purchased war bonds, contributed to Shawnee Mission Red Cross chapter |
| 1942-1955 | Regular meetings at Green Parrot Inn (last on May 24, 1955) |
| 1950 | Name changed to Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club (July 1) |
| 1952 | Presentation of Statue of Liberty monument at Shawnee Mission High School (June 3) |
| 1954 | First pancake feed held as fundraiser (May 9; later known as the "Pancake Festival") |
| 1957 | New sponsorship—Kiddieland playground in Antioch Park |
| 1958 | Kiddieland playground additions—swing, train, ship, bridge, sand box, teeter-totter, slide, merry-go-round ² |
| 1961 | New sponsorship—room at new Shawnee Mission Hospital |
| 1962 | New sponsorship—grandfather clock for county home for the elderly |
| 1964 | New sponsorship—lookout tower at Shawnee Mission Park (opened July) |
| 1966 | New sponsorship—rocket ship in Antioch Park |
| 1967 | First club history book published ³
Sunflower Sertoma Club formed ⁴ |

¹ Information in the Administrative Sketch comes from the Soroptimist Publication "From Silver to Gold" printed by the Soroptimist Club of Shawnee Mission on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Soroptimist Club in 1972.

² "Antioch Park, Playground For Children" *Johnson County Herald* February 26, 1959

³ Compiled by Elizabeth Barnes. Copies given to honored guests at January 17 meeting. "Sertoma Observes 32 Years" *Scout* January 12, 1967

- 1975 Lawn fertilizer sold as fundraiser
- 1976 New sponsorship—Theatre in the Park
- 1978 Ground broken for Theatre in the Park (July)
- 1980 Grand opening for Theatre in the Park (June 20)
- 1985 Second (and last) club history published
- 1987 Fire destroyed refreshment stand in Shawnee-Mission Park
- 1989 New sponsorship--Woodland trail system in Shawnee Mission Park
- 1999 Merged with two other area clubs to become Johnson County Sertoma Club (Sept.)⁵

List of presidents⁶:

- 1935-1936 Charles R. Jackson
- 1935-1937 Burhham W. Diggle
- 1937-1938 J. Paul Marcum
- 1938-1939 Elwood Hobbs
- 1939-1940 Frank J. Pflumm
- 1940-1941 Harry Denni
- 1941-1942 LeRoy Robinson
- 1942-1943 Ben H. Henthorn
- 1943-1944 Edwin C. Riggs
- 1944-1945 Charles A. Fordyce
- 1945-1946 George L. Fickel
- 1946-1947 Alfred R. Kastman
- 1947-1948 O. Wilson Kinney
- 1948-1949 Robert D. Sanders
- 1949-1950 Ralph S. Holland
- 1950-1951 Jerry Parks
- 1951-1952 Murlin Welch
- 1952-1953 Paul Amos
- 1953-1954 Maurice Frederick
- 1954-1955 Lyndus Henry
- 1955-1956 Lee Bell
- 1956-1957 Frank Wolter
- 1957-1958 Ralph Bostwick
- 1958-1959 Ralph Blacktin
- 1959-1960 Harold D. Garver
- 1960-1961 Garland Dillard
- 1961-1962 W. L. Dickson
- 1962-1963 Clarence Wantland
- 1963-1964 John Francis
- 1964-1965 Donald Dillon
- 1965-1966 Walt Giffin

⁴ “New Sertoma Club” *Scout* January 6, 1967

⁵ “Sertoma hopes merger will reverse club’s decline” *Kansas City Star* September 4, 1999

⁶ The Sertoman September 1999; most complete list of club presidents

1966-1967	H. H. "Kes" Kesler
1967-1968	Warner Reeder
1968-1969	Charles Glenn
1969-1970	Harold George
1970-1971	Norm Daniels
1971-1972	Lloyd Chambers
1972-1973	Milt Erickson
1973-1974	Buck Wilborn
1974-1975	Hank Liemen
1975-1976	U. M. Hoover
1976-1977	John Knoell
1977-1978	Dick Hitt
1978-1979	Charles Humphrey
1979-1980	Warren Strickland
1980-1981	Pete Hansen
1981-1982	Robert Mackay
1982-1983	William Conrad
1983-1984	Floyd Fassnacht
1984-1985	Reuben Sell
1985-1986	John Meyers
1986-1987	John Sullivan
1987-1988	H. Malcom Magers
1988-1989	Tony Giordano
1989-1990	Newton Smith
1990-1991	Tom Day
1991-1992	James Royer
1992-1993	Roger F. James
1993-1995	Richard Seaton
1995-1996	James Royer
1996-1997	Marc Fey
1997-1998	Ted Baker
1998-1999	Leona Pryor

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

- 1 SCRAPBOOKS, 1959-1974
This series contains five scrapbooks assembled for club presidents. A "Yearbook"—as the club called them—was presented to each outgoing president. The scrapbooks contain over 500 photographs (some duplicating separate prints found in project files (series 6) and newspaper clippings documenting club activities. The scrapbooks likely contain some newsletter issues or other printed items not present in incomplete sets in other series of the collection. Due to their size, the scrapbook are not boxed.

- 2 MINUTES, 1940-1999
This series is comprised of minutes from the Shawnee Mission Co-Operative

- Club (1940-1950) and the Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club (1950-1999).
Missing 1978-1988 and other years after 1977 are incomplete
- 3 REPORTS: MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES, 1960-1970
Monthly reports submitted to Sertoma International of club membership and activities, including names of members added or dropped.
 - 4 FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1945-1997
Assorted financial records with the most significant item being a ledger (1956-1965).
 - 5 MEMBERSHIP RECORDS, 1938-1994
Most significant is the collection of nearly 900 applications—now filed alphabetically by last name and inventoried in separate spreadsheet. Ledger pages for several individual members are also in this series.
 - 6 PROJECT FILES, 1945-1997
The “master” files accumulated by the club that document awards, fundraising, sponsorships, programs, and members. Significant materials relate to the annual pancake festival, support of Theatre-in-the-Park, and biographical details on individual members. Correspondence is a substantial part of many of the project files. The majority of photographs, now filed separately, were removed from the various project files.
 - 7 PRINTED MATTER: NEWSLETTERS, 1937-1999
Most significant documentation of club activities alongside the minutes (series 2), there were five different newsletters from 1937-1950 (the Co-Operative Club period)—and one title for the Sertoma Club period (1950-1999).
 - 8 PRINTED MATTER: PROGRAMS, 1935-1999
Majority of the programs are from the 1950-1999 period, representing many annual club events
 - 9 PRINTED MATTER: ROSTERS, Shawnee Mission Co-Operative Club, 1939-1950
The club rosters provide key documentation of membership size and individual member details and important resource companion to the applications (series 5). Its last club roster included small photographic portraits of the members.
 - 10 PRINTED MATTER: ROSTERS, Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club, 1957-1997
The earliest club rosters included small photographic portraits of the members.
 - 11 PRINTED MATTER: OTHER, 1941-1995
Assortment of Sertoma International publications as well as club-produced items. Includes 1967 club history book (the first published).

FOLDER TITLE LIST

Series 1: Scrapbooks

- .001 scrapbook, 1959-1960
- .002 scrapbook, 1963-1964
- .003 scrapbook, 1966-1967
- .004 scrapbook, 1970-1971
- .005 scrapbook, 1973-1974

Series 2: Minutes

Minutes: Shawnee-Mission Co-Operative Club

- 1940 [starts September 29]
- 1941
- 1942
- 1943
- 1944
- 1945
- 1946
- 1947
- 1948
- 1949
- 1950 [ends June 28]

Minutes: Shawnee-Mission Sertoma Club

- 1950 [starts August 8]
- 1951
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- 1955-1962 extracts
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- 1969

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1977 [incomplete]
1989 [incomplete]
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1994 [incomplete]
1995 [incomplete]
1996 [incomplete]
1997 [incomplete]
1998 [incomplete]
1999 [incomplete]

Series 3: Reports: Monthly Membership and Activities

1960
1961
1962
1963
1964
1965
1966
1967
1968
1969
1970

Series 4: Financial records

Check; rental of meeting location; 1945
Ledger; July 1956-June 1965
Report; 1967
Social/Special events
Statements; 1978, 1989-1990, 1993-1997

Series 5: Membership records

Applications, 1938-1994 [see spreadsheet listing applicants]
Register (October 1968-February 1969)
Kesler, Herrick H.; 1962-1967
Robinson, LeRoy
Sell, Reuben E.; 1958-1969
Stevenson, J. Stanley; 1956-1976
Welch, G. Murlin; 1956-1971
Wilborn, A. T.; 1964-1976

Series 6: Project files

Anniversaries
Anniversaries: 50th (1985)
Anniversaries: 60th (1995)
Awards
Awards: GEM committee
Awards: Sertoman-of-the-Year
Awards: Service to Mankind: 1971
Awards: Service to Mankind: 1972-1997
CBAC
Christmas bureau
Committees; 1961-1980 oversized
Constitution and by-laws
Conventions
Fundraising
Fundraising: Garage sales
Fundraising: Newspaper recycling
History, Club
Members: Biographies
Members: Biographies: Conrad, Bill
Members: Biographies: Danielsen, Norm
Members: Biographies: Francis, John
Members: Biographies: Garver, Harold
Members: Biographies: Gear, Boots
Members: Biographies: Hill, Harry
Members: Biographies: Hoge, Royce
Members: Biographies: Kesler, Kes
Members: Biographies: Latimer, Hugh W.
Members: Biographies: McCray, Harvey L.
Members: Biographies: Porter, Audley
Members: Biographies: Robinson, Robbie
Members: Biographies: Seaton, Dick
Members: Emeritus
Members: Induction & orientation
Members: Life
Members: Memorial committee
Members: Military veterans
Members: Recruitment
Pancake festival
Programs
Programs: Citizenship
Programs: Freedom week
Programs: Speech and hearing
Project manhours
Publicity

Sponsorship
Theater in the park: 1976: part 1
Theater in the park: 1976: part 2
Theater in the park: 1977-1997

Series 7: Printed matter: Newsletters

Shawnee-Mission Activities (January 29-May 28, 1937)
1937
Bally Hoo (December 7, 1937-October 1938)
1937-1938
Untitled (1939-September 1941)
1939-1940
1941 (partial)
Bulletin (October 30, 1941-May 1, 1946)
1941 (partial)
1942
1943
1944
1945
1946 (partial)
Co-Operator (May 21, 1946-June 27, 1950)
1946 (partial)
1947
1948
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1950 (partial)
Sertoman/The Sertoman (July 1, 1950-September 1999)
1950 (partial)
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1959 (incomplete)
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1963 (incomplete)
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1999 (partial)

Series 8: Printed matter: Programs

[note: represented by individual folders for each year present]

1935 October 14
1942 May 16; 13th district convention program
1943 July 13-15; 23rd annual meeting, Co-Operative Club International
1955 May 7; Play-Ball for Youth Employment Service
1956 June 19; installation program
1962 April 11; 50th anniversary of Sertoma International
1969 June 6; Charter banquet, Red Bridge Sertoma Club, Kansas City, MO
1970 October 20; 35th anniversary
1970 December 15; Christmas Party
1971 March 16; Ike Smith night (Service-to-Mankind Award)
1972 March 21; Kathleen White night
1973 March 6; Lou DeCarolis night

1974 April 2; Robert Gaynor night
1975 March 18; Edna Burt night
1975 June 3; installation dinner
1978 June 6; installation dinner
1980 October 21; 45th anniversary
1981 March 17; Betty Boone night
1982 March 2; Robert Rees night
1984 April 3; William P. Harsh night
1985 October 15; 50th anniversary
1990 August 21; 55th anniversary
1994 August 16; installation banquet
1995 August 15; installation
1995 October 3; 60th anniversary
1996 May 11; Walk in the Park (5th annual)
1998 August 18; installation banquet
1999 August 5; 64th anniversary
1999 September 9; installation banquet; Sertoma Club of Johnson County, Kansas

Series 9: Printed matter: Rosters: Shawnee Mission Co-Operative Club

1939-1940 / 1942 (June 15)
1945 (May 1)
1950-1951

Series 10: Printed matter: Rosters: Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club

1957-1958 / 1959-1960
1960-1961
1963-1964 / 1964-1965
1966-1967 (incomplete)
1967-1968
1969-1970
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1989-1990
1993-1994 / 1995-1996
1996-1997 / 1997-1998

Series 11: Printed matter: Other

Advertising; Shawnee Mission Co-Operative Club
Book; Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club and How It Grew 1935-1967
Book; Your Sing-along Book of Old Favorite Songs
Booklet; Official Duties; 1941
Booklet; Shawnee Mission Sertoma
Booklet; The Beginning of Sertoma; 1955
Booklet; Sertoma International 50 Year History; 1962
Booklet; Sertoma and You; 1966
Booklet; Awards Rules
Booklet; Classifications for Sertoma Clubs
Booklet; Effective Club Leadership; 1990
Booklet; Sertoma & You; 1992
Booklet; The 6th Decade of the Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club: 1985-1995
Card, campaign; M. E. Erickson for councilman
Catalog; Sertoma
Handbook, Serteen Officer
Magazine; Co-Operator Magazine; May 1947
Magazine; The Sertoman; April-May 1962 (golden anniversary issue)
Magazine; The Sertoman; May-June 1971 (Ike Smith--award winner--on cover)
Monograph; Shawnee Mission Sertoma Club 1985-1995
Official logo
President's Manual; 1966-1967
Poster; Code of Ethics; 1969, 1983
Report; Johnson County Protection Needs; 1941 **oversize**
Report; Resolution of the Board of Directors; ca. 1950 **oversize**

BOX LABELS

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Series 9-Series 11

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Series 5, Folder 1 Membership applications