

**Soroptimist International Club of Shawnee Mission Records (2001.014)**  
**Date Span: 1947-2001**

The records of the Soroptimist Club document the club's membership. The donor of the collection was a member of the club. The collection includes scrapbooks beginning with the formation of the club, minutes, club information, a few posters, and many photographs of Soroptimist Club activities.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Source:** Yulich

**Size:** 9 linear feet

**Access:** Open

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SKETCH<sup>1</sup>**

- 1947 Soroptimist Club of Shawnee Mission was chartered with the following members: Hazel Amos, Eva Atwell Barrett, Edna Bear, Ruth Bell, Dorothy Breyfogle, Cecilia Brooks, Fern Bruce, Lilla Buehler, Madge Carter, Larine Engelken, Christine Gilwee, Madalyn Henry, Margaret Sally Keach, Roberta Keve, Mary Livingston, Mable Long, Dorothy Meyers, Leona Porter, Carol Oxley Reinhardt, Aileen Reinhardt, Lois Sanders, Katherine Tooley, Amelia Ulricksen, Helen Wedd, Dorothy Wood.
- 1948 Service projects included registration for draftees.
- 1949 Non-profit organization, Soroptimist Clubhouse Inc., was formed to "build, maintain, and operate a club and community center for civic, educational, and recreational purposes."<sup>2</sup>
- 1950 Club began the Children's Community Theatre in Johnson County to bring live theater to the children of the community.
- 1951 Club sponsored the "Cherry House" an exhibition home and hosted tours  
3 acres of land donated for a community center by Philip and Aileen Reinhardt.  
Assisted flood victims in the state.
- 1953 First estate sale held at 5150 Rainbow. Estate sales will continue to fund many of the service projects over the years

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<sup>1</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Soroptimist Club in 1972.

<sup>2</sup> Soroptimist Clubhouse, Inc. from 1997-1998 Soroptimist Club Scrapbook.

- 1954 Ground-breaking ceremony (March 14) for the new Community Center, which opened to the public (Sept. 26) at 6019 Lamar in Mission.
- 1955 Style show among fundraising efforts.
- 1957 Community center was used for Operation Polio Shot and the vaccine was made free and available to all Johnson County residents.<sup>3</sup>
- 1958 Scholarship for nursing students established.
- 1964 Gifts supported the Johnson County Home for the Aged.
- 1966 Funds donated for two houses in South Korea.
- 1973 Additions made to the community center.
- 1976 Soroptimists International Club of Shawnee Mission hosts the South-Central Regional Conference in Overland Park at the Glenwood Manor Motor Hotel.
- 1998 Community center continued to be used and is self-supporting through rental fees.
- 2000 Soroptimist Club of Shawnee Mission is disbanded due to declining membership.<sup>4</sup>
- 2001 Club House donated to Mission Area Chamber of Commerce<sup>5</sup>

List of Presidents:

- 1947-49 Carol Oxley Reinhardt
- 1949-50 Aileen Reinhardt
- 1950-51 Dorothy Breyfogle
- 1951-52 Eva Barrett
- 1952-53 Cecilia Brooks
- 1953-54 Jean Maser
- 1954-55 Muriel Fouts
- 1955-56 Edith Mills
- 1956-57 Muriel H okanson
- 1957-58 Wilma Turner
- 1958-59 Ruth Bell
- 1959-60 Jean Atkinson
- 1960-61 Sola Bradley
- 1961-62 Kathryn Rose
- 1962-63 Helene Wedd
- 1963-64 Mary Moore
- 1964-65 Diana Kunzler
- 1965-66 Marjorie Hobbs
- 1966-67 Ila Carpenter
- 1967-68 Jeannie Foster
- 1968-69 Mary Alice Theiss
- 1969-70 Doris Milliken
- 1970-71 Dorothy Weber

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<sup>3</sup> From paper entitled "Soroptimist International of Shawnee Mission describing the 1973 additions to the community center.

<sup>4</sup> "Soroptimists, long a Mission mainstay, disband" *Kansas City Star* July 29, 2000

<sup>5</sup> "House donated to Mission chamber" *Sun* January 26, 2001

1971-73	Zelpha Lytle
1973-74	Roma Lee Price
1975-77	Dorothy Marshall
1977-78	Pauline Davis
1977-78	Martha Miller
1978-79	Cyndee Simpson
1979-80	Sharon Gregg
1980-81	Juanita Williamson
1981-82	Marjorie Kiloh
1982-83	Caroline Boettcher
1983-85	Marjorie Kiloh
1985-87	Jan Alexander
1987-88	Wilda Carr
1988-89	Bonnie Lang
1989-91	Bonnie Lankford
1991-92	Catherine Macan
1992-93	Muriel B. Mellott
1993-94	Charlene Wetzsteon
1994-96	Mabel Rich
1996-97	Sharon Koch
1996-97	Charlene Wetzsteon
1997-98	Carol N. Larson

## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The records of the Soroptimist International Club of Shawnee Mission, incomplete as they are, document several decades of the group's activities in the community. The Soroptimist Clubs were begun in the United States as well as in England as the Venture Clubs as an opportunity for women "to foster the ideal of service as the basis of all worthy enterprises and to increase the efficiency of its members in the pursuit of their occupations by broadening their interest in the social, business, and civic affairs of the community through an association of women representing diverse vocations"<sup>6</sup> Members of the club were all professional working women from the northeast part of Johnson County. The group had a special interest in community service and focused on children in the community. They sponsored scholarships for youth which came to be known as the Youth Citizenship Awards and the Community Children's Theater. Their largest accomplishment was to fund, construct and run the Johnson County Community Center at 6219 Martway in Mission from 1954-2001. The attendance descended from just over 25 in 1947 to 16 in 1998.

There are eight series in this collection: Scrapbooks, Objects, Photographs, Correspondence, Minutes and Meeting Documents, Newspaper Clippings, Printed Matter, and Youth Citizenship Award Materials.

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<sup>6</sup> Soroptimism – a Living, Breathing Pulsating Force. Soropimist International Association. 1968.

The scrapbooks are a collection of bound and unbound materials gathered by members of the Soroptimist Club to document the club's activities over the years. The contents of the scrapbooks include brochures, correspondence, newspaper articles, newsletters, photographs, programs, invitations, conference materials, meeting documents, certificates, posters, membership cards and other ephemera.

The objects include an advertising booklet for the Glenwood Manor Motor Hotel, a poster for a Donkey Ball game, and various handmade posters advertising Soroptimist events.

The photographs depict Soroptimist Club members and activities relating to the club.

The correspondence includes holiday letters, congratulatory letters to the presidents, cookbook information, dissolution information, invitations, personal correspondence, programs, and thank-you notes.

The minutes and meeting documents include minutes, committee reports, attendance reports, program materials and conference materials.

The newspaper clippings are from local papers and describe Soroptimist Club events ranging from 1950-2002.

The printed matter includes bookmarks, community center materials, Community Children's Theater materials, Soroptimist History, Legal Documents, Newsletters, Programs, Rosters and Song Sheets.

The Youth Citizenship Award Materials include programs, forms, certificates, correspondence, instructions and applications.

### **SERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

<b>Shelf</b>	<b>Box. No.</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Accn. No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
S-2/A-2	1	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.1	1947 – 1955 Scrapbook with wooden cover featuring cowboys on a bucking bronco.
S-3/A-5	-	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.2	1950-1961 Scrapbook with black cover and yellow label on spine.
S-2/A-2	1	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.3	1951-1954 Scrapbook with wooden cover featuring cowboys on a bucking bronco.
S-2/A-2	2	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.4	1952-1954 Scrapbook with brown cover with black taped spine and "PHOTOGRAPHS" stamped on the front in gold.
S-2/A-2	2	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.5	1953 – 1958 Scrapbook with light teal blue cover with gold decoration and yellow label on spine; white sticker on front with "Edith Mills' Scrap Book Years Starting 1953"

				typed on it.
S-2/A-2	2	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.6	1958 – 1959 Scrapbook with red cover with silver decoration and yellow label on spine.
S-2/A-2	2	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.7	1960 – 1961 Scrapbook with light teal blue cover with gold decoration and yellow label on spine.
S-2/A-3	3	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.8	1961 – 1962 Pages from a scrapbook tied together with yellow ribbon.
S-2/A-3	3	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.9	1965-1966 Pages from a scrapbook tied together with blue ribbon.
S-2/A-3	3	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.10	1966-1967 Scrapbook; gold with “Scrapbook” stamped on the front in gold ink, a yellow piece of paper is tucked in the spine with “Ila Carpenter 1966 1967” handwritten upon it in black ink.
S-2/A-3	3	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.11	1975-1976 Scrapbook; green with gold decoration and yellow paper tucked in the spine with “Youth Citizen SHID” handwritten upon it in black ink.
S-2/A-3	3	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.12	1995 – 1996 Scrapbook; pink with gold decoration and white sticker on the spine. “President’s Album 1995-1996” is typed on the sticker.
S-2/A-3	3	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.13	1996 – 1997 Scrapbook in white 3-ring binder.
S-2/A-3	3	1. Scrapbooks	2001.14.14	1997 – 1998 Scrapbook in yellow 3-ring binder.
M1/DR-10	-	2. Objects	2001.14.15	Booklet: Glenwood Manor Motor Hotel
M1/DR-10	-	2. Objects	2001.14.16	Poster: 1949 Donkey Ball Poster; Segner’s Field at 87 <sup>th</sup> and Hayes in Overland Park.
M1/DR-10	-	2. Objects	2001.14.17	Poster: 1959 Patio and Western Style Show.
M1/DR-10	-	2. Objects	2001.14.18	Poster: 1961 Junior Town Hall Series.
M1/DR-10	-	2. Objects	2001.14.19	Poster: 1962 Junior Town Hall Series.
M1/DR-10	-	2. Objects	2001.14.20	Poster: 1962 Mink Stole Raffle.
M1/DR-10	-	2. Objects	2001.14.21	Poster: N.D. Soroptimist Centennial Sale May 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> , Overland Park. (Possibly 1961 Kansas Centennial)

### FOLDER TITLE LIST

Series 1-3: See Past Perfect catalog data

- Series 4. Correspondence 1954-2000
1. Christmas Letters 1965-1966
    - i. 1965 from Dorothy Breyfogle

- ii. 1966 from Dorothy Breyfogle
- 2. Congratulatory Letters to Presidents
  - i. 1961/06/28 to Mrs. Sola Bradley from Marie Manogue, President of Soroptimist Club of Raytown (telegram)
  - ii. 1963/07/28 to Helene Webb from Kaye Shanahan, Director of the Northern District, South Central Region of the Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, Inc.
  - iii. 1975/08/26 to Mrs. Dorothy Marshall from David Owen, President of First National Bank of Shawnee Mission
  - iv. 1975/06/27 to Mrs. Dorothy Marshall from Marjorie Hobbs
  - v. 1975/08/14 to Mrs. Dorothy Marshall from Diana F. Kunzler, Vice President and Secretary for the Johnson County National Bank and Trust Company.
  - vi. 1975/08/17 to Mrs. Dorothy Marshall from Blanche
  - vii. 1975/08/21 to Mrs. Dorothy Marshall from Helen and Howard Sedgewick
  - viii. 1975/08/26 to Mrs. Dorothy Marshall from George W. Kessinger, President, Goodwill Industries of Greater Kansas City, Inc.
  - ix. 1976/06/15 to President from Jean Gragg, Governor-elect for South Central Region Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.
  - x. 1982/06/09 to Mrs. Carol Boettcher from Eugene D. Brown
  - xi. 1982/07/26 to Mrs. Carol Boettcher from Eugene D. Brown
- 3. Cookbooks 1997
  - i. 1997\06/17 Williamsburg, VA Soroptimists Cookbook announcement
- 4. Dissolution of Soroptimists of Shawnee Mission 2000
  - i. 2000/4/8 to Soroptimists of Shawnee Mission from Leigh Wintz, Executive Director of Soroptimist International of the Americas
  - ii. 2000/03/31 to Club Members from Florence Yulich, President Clubhouse Board
- 5. Invitations 1955-1999
  - i. 1955/11/9 Community Fair Postcard
  - ii. 1955/11/9 Community Fair Flyer
  - iii. 1961/11/10 Liberty Memorial Rededication invitation to Mrs. Sola Bradley
  - iv. 1963 Spring Conference, St. Joseph, MO invitation
  - v. 1964 /4/22 Hat Parade Flyer
  - vi. 1982/07/13 Founder Region Open House
  - vii. 1983/05/10 Tomahawk Drama Service League's Annual Spring Luncheon invitation addressed to Caroline Boettcher
  - viii. 1999/09/22 New Officers meeting invitation in envelope addressed to Joyce Cox.
- 6. Personal Correspondence 1954-1975
  - i. 1954 to Mrs. A. Porter from Peg English
  - ii. 1975/03/13 to Dorothy Marshall from Dorothy Weber
  - iii. 1975/12/8 to Dorothy Marshall from Margaret Sally Keach
  - iv. 1975/11/28 to Dorothy Marshall from Dorothy Breyfogle
  - v. 1975/12/19 to Dorothy Marshall from Dorothy Breyfogle

- vi. 1975/10/13 to Dorothy Marshall from Dorothy Breyfogle
  - vii. 1975/07/24 to Dorothy Marshall from Pauline
  - viii. 1975/04/23 to Dorothy Marshall from Dorothy Breyfogle
  - 7. Programs 1961-1977
    - i. 1961 Fundraising Letter for Town Hall Programs
    - ii. 1962 Town Hall Programs Letter
    - iii. 1977/09/09 to Soroptimist Club of Shawnee Mission from Dorothy Vale Kissinger, President of the Widen Your World Program.
  - 8. Thank you Notes 1975-1983
    - i. 1975/05/05 to Bill Marshall from Virginia Kelly
    - ii. 1977/05/24 to Ms. Sandi Anstine from Martha L. Miller
    - iii. 1977/05/24 to Mr. W. Thom Salls, Jr. from Martha L. Miller
    - iv. 1977/05/24 to Mr. Robert Fink from Martha L. Miller
    - v. 1977/05/24 to Mr. Victor J. Poirier from Martha L. Miller
    - vi. 1977/05/25 to Dorothy Marshall from Bennett Johnson
    - vii. 1977/06/02 to Dorothy Marshall from Jean
    - viii. 1982-1983 to Caroline Boettcher from Norma
    - ix. 1982/10/19 to Soroptimist Ladies from David Anderson
    - x. 1983/09/26 to Caroline Boettcher from Georgia Nesselrode
  - 9. Valentines 1965-1967
    - i. 1965-1967 signed Lucile Wilson
- Series 5. Minutes and Meeting Documents 1947-1999
- 1. 1947 Minutes
  - 2. 1948 Minutes
  - 3. 1949 Minutes
  - 4. 1950 Minutes
  - 5. 1951 Minutes, Committee Reports
  - 6. 1952 Minutes, Committee Reports
  - 7. 1953 Minutes, Committee Reports, Attendance Sheet.
  - 8. 1954 Minutes, Committee Reports, Attendance Sheet (Also contained a 05/1954 newsletter and a photograph from the Clubhouse groundbreaking that has been removed and filed separately)
  - 9. 1955 Minutes, Committee Reports, (Also contained a Community Fair poster and ticket that has been removed and filed separately)
  - 10. 1956 Minutes, Committee Report
  - 11. 1957 Minutes, Committee Reports
  - 12. 1957-1958 Attendance Report
  - 13. 1958 Minutes, Committee Reports
  - 14. 1958-1959 Attendance Report
  - 15. 1959 Minutes, Committee Reports, and Program Materials
  - 16. 1960 Minutes, Committee Reports
  - 17. 1961 Minutes, Committee Reports, Conference Materials
  - 18. 1962 Minutes, Committee Reports, Conference Materials
  - 19. 1963 Minutes, Committee Reports, Conference Materials
  - 20. 1964 Minutes, Committee Reports, Conference Materials
  - 21. 1976 Committee Reports, Conference Materials

- 22. 1989 Minutes, Committee Reports
- 23. 1990 Minutes, Committee Reports
- 24. 1991 Minutes, Committee Reports
- 25. 1992 Minutes, Committee Reports
- 26. 1993 Minutes, Committee Reports
- 27. 1994 Minutes, Committee Reports
- 28. 1999 Minutes, Committee Reports

Series 6. Newspaper Clippings

- 1. 1950-1959
- 2. 1960-1969
- 3. 1970-1979
- 4. 1980-1989
- 5. 1990-1999
- 6. 2000-2002

[scans of the clippings are available in JoCoResearch folder]

Series 7. Printed Matter 1950-1999

- 1. Bookmark
- 2. Community Center Materials
- 3. Community Children's Theater
- 4. History 1961-1993
  - i. 1961
  - ii. 1958-60
  - iii. 1968 South Central Region History
  - iv. 1976
  - v. 1992-1993
- 5. Legal Documents 1959-1997
  - i. 1959 Procedures
  - ii. 1963-1964 By-Laws
  - iii. 1993-1994 Procedures
  - iv. 1995-1996 Procedures
  - v. 1997 By-Laws

6. Newsletters 1954-1999

- i. 1954/05
- ii. 1999/1/27
- iii. 1999/2/24
- iv. 1999/03/24
- v. 1999/05/12

[missing newsletters not in this sequence may be found in all of the scrapbooks]

7. Programs

- i. 1954 – Community Center
- ii. 1961/4/25 Amanda Anna Kemp, singer at Town Hall Series' Africa Night.
- iii. 1961/06/28 Installation Dinner
- iv. 1963/06/24 Installation Dinner
- v. 1964/06/22 Installation Dinner
- vi. 1965/06/23 Installation Dinner
- vii. 1971 From Silver to Gold



- viii. 1975 Founders Day - Women Helping Women Award
- ix. 1976/04/23-25 South Central Regional Conference Shawnee Mission, Glenwood Manor
- x. 1976/06/26 Installation Dinner
- xi. 1977/06/29 Installation Dinner
- xii. 1979/06/27 Installation Dinner
- xiii. 1982/06 Installation Dinner
- xiv. 1982/10/27 Founder's Day
- xv. 1983/04/27 Youth Citizenship Awards
- xvi. 1983/06 Installation Dinner

8. Rosters

- i. Charter members
- ii. 1952-1953
- iii. 1957-1958
- iv. 1958-1960 (2 versions)
- v. 1961-1962
- vi. 1962-1963
- vii. 1962-1964
- viii. 1963-1964
- ix. 1965-1966
- x. 1971-1972
- xi. 1977-1978
- xii. 1978-1979
- xiii. 1984-1985
- xiv. 1990-1991
- xv. 1996-1997

Rosters: American Federation

- xvi. 1950-1952
- xvii. 1956-1958

- 9. Song Sheet
- Series 8. Youth Citizenship Award Materials 1977-2000
- 1. 1977 Awards Ceremony Program
  - 2. 1995-2000 Blank Certificates
  - 3. 1970-2000 Correspondence
  - 4. 1998-1999 Information and Instructions
  - 5. 1999 Application Form (Blank)
  - 6. 1999 Applications
  - 7. 1999 Judges Forms – Ray Lehr
  - 8. 1999 Judges Forms – Esther Richart
  - 9. 1999 Judges Forms – Karin Winn
  - 10. 1999 Recipient Transmittal Form
  - 11. 2000 Application Form (Blank)
  - 12. 2000 Applications (A-K)
  - 13. 2000 Applications (L-Z)
  - 14. 2000 Recipient Transmittal Form