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Descriptive Summary

Collection Number

C0303

Dates

1961-2008

Language

English

Abstract

Minutes, photographs, scrapbooks, and realia from the Woodbine Home Demonstration Club, a homemakers' organization.

Creator

Woodbine Home Demonstration Club.

Physical Characteristics

3.0 linear feet (6 boxes)

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions on personal use. Permission to publish material from the Woodbine Home Demonstration Club records must be obtained from the Special Collections Research Center, George Mason University Libraries.

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Historical Information

The Woodbine Home Demonstration Club of Prince William County, VA was born of a wider movement across the United States - Elizabeth Griffin Hill notes that "Home Demonstration Clubs were an integral part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, which was established during the early 20th century as an experiment in adult education, providing agricultural demonstration work for men and home demonstration work for women" ('Home Demonstration Clubs'). According to a history by Louise Benton (a long-time officer and member) included in Box 3, Folder 6 of the collection, the Woodbine Club formed from the merger of two different home demonstration clubs in 1941. The organization was also known as the Woodbine Extension Homemakers Club and later as the Woodbine Family, Community, and Education (FCE) Club. Over the years, the women of the group gathered regularly, held meetings and events, and raised money for numerous charities. As of 2017, the Woodbine FCE club has disbanded.

Scope and Content

The collection is largely made up of scrapbooks, meeting minutes, photographs, and realia kept by the Woodbine Home Demonstration Club of Prince William County, VA between 1961 and 2008. The social and charitable activities of the club from the 1960s to the early 2000s are well documented in the records. Of particular interest in one of the scrapbooks from 1978-1979 is a letter from the White House congratulating club officer Louise Benton on her designation as Homemaker of the Year. VHS tapes and a DVD on charitable programs and the dedication of Louise Benton Middle School are also included.

Related Material

The Special Collections Research Center holds other collections donated by RELIC at the Prince William County Library, including the [Future Farmers of America, Nokesville records](#), the [Prince William Cultural Arts Foundation records](#), the [Henry H. Douglas papers](#), and the Prince William Historic Newspapers collection.

Index Terms

Geographical Names:

Prince William County (Va.)

Subjects:

Domestic life.

Home economics extension work.

Home economics.

Women--Societies and clubs.

Document Types:

Color photographs

Scrapbooks.

Bibliography

[Hill, Elizabeth Griffin. 'Home Demonstration Clubs,' The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture. Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, Central Arkansas Library System, accessed February 2, 2017.](#)

Arrangement

The collection is largely arranged by format.

Contents List

Minutes recorded by secretaries,

Unit Date November 1965-October 1969

Container 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Minutes, meeting information (1 of 2),

Unit Date January 1970-November 1978

Container 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

some pages may be out of chronological order due to sleeved pages falling out of the folder

Minutes, meeting information (2 of 2),

Unit Date January 1970-November 1978

Container 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

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Woodbine Extension Homemakers Club minutes,

Unit Date 1979-1989

Container 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Histories, minutes, members, correspondence, etc. (1 of 2),

Unit Date 1996-2006

Container 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Histories, minutes, members, correspondence, etc. (2 of 2),

Unit Date 1996-2006

Container 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Family and Community Education Achievement Day programs, various other brochures, funeral bulletin,

Unit Date 1992-2008

Container 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Family and Community Education newsletters, meeting minutes, photos, etc.,

Unit Date 2001-2002

Container 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Items pertaining to naming of Louise Benton Middle School,

Unit Date 1979-2000

Container 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Yearbooks/handbooks, Family and Community Education Achievement Day program, 2 photos (1 of 2),

Unit Date 1979-2002

Container 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Yearbooks/handbooks, Family and Community Education Achievement Day program, 2 photos (2 of 2),

Unit Date 1979-2002

Container 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Club scrapbook (1 of 2),

Unit Date 1977-1978

Container 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Club scrapbook (2 of 2),

Unit Date 1977-1978

Container 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Club scrapbook (1 of 2),

Unit Date 1977-1978

Container 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Club scrapbook (2 of 2),

Unit Date 1977-1978

Container 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Duties of club officers (2001), newsclippings, scrapbook, etc. (1 of 2),

Unit Date 1961-2002

Container 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Duties of club officers (2001), newsclippings, scrapbook, etc. (2 of 2),

Unit Date 1961-2002

Container 3 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Photos, postcards/brochures/programs, activities,

Unit Date circa 1970s-2003

Container 3 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Historical items on Woodbine FCE Club,

Unit Date 1999-2003

Container 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

3 VHS tapes, 1 DVD on various charitable organizations/naming of Louise Benton Middle School,

Unit Date circa early 2000s

Container 4 (Box)

Gavel, two key chains, Benton Cougars cup, school kit instructions,

Unit Date circa 1970s-2001

Container 4 (Box)

Scrapbook and Scrapbook pages,

Unit Date 1999-2003

Container 5 (Box)

Two signs,

Unit Date circa late 1990s-early 2000s

Container 5 (Box)

Scrapbook,

Unit Date 1977-1978

Container 5 (Box)

Scrapbook,

Unit Date 1978-1979

Container 5 (Box)

Smile doll and description,

Unit Date circa 2003

Container 5 (Box)

Scrapbook,

Unit Date 1964

Container 6 (Box)

Scrapbook,

Unit Date 1997-2002

Container 6 (Box)

Scrapbook,

Unit Date 2004-2008

Container 6 (Box)

Virginia and United States flags,

Unit Date undated

Container 6 (Box)