

Inventory of the

Gen-E-Dek Club
DeKalb, Illinois

Records

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RC 215

INTRODUCTION

Peggy Cherry, treasurer for the club, donated the Gen-E-Dek Club Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on September 8, 1993.

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Linear feet of shelf space: 4.25
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records for the Gen-E-Dek Club date from 1949 to 1992. The majority of the collection consists of treasurer's books which contain meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, correspondence, paid receipts, bank statements with cancelled checks, 250 raffle winning tickets and profits, and activity flyers. The treasurer's books along with the scrapbooks comprise a fairly comprehensive history of the club's activities.

For further information regarding women's organization in DeKalb the researcher should consult the Regional Collections Guide.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Gen-E-Dek Club was established in 1949 with a membership consisting solely of DeKalb General Electric Company women employees. The first officers were Mary Smith as president, Dorothy Harmes as vice president, Thelma Murphy as treasurer, and Maxine Thuestad as secretary.

The purpose of the club was to promote recreational, social and educational activities among the members as well as other General Electric Women's Clubs at other locations; to foster the spirit of friendly service among all female employees of the General Electric Company in DeKalb, Illinois; and to participate in charitable activities in the community. The club's motto was, "Building a Ladder on Which to Climb".

The organization disbanded in 1992 after a vote by the membership. The Club's Certificate of Deposit (CD) matured the same year they disbanded. The membership agreed that the money from the CD would be distributed to worthy DeKalb-Sycamore charities.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

DeKalb, Organizations
Gen-E-Dek Club
Women's Organization

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	By-laws, 1975-1990
	2	Membership, (1977-1990)
	3	Officers, 1976, 1983-1984
	4	Officer Installation Service, n.d.
	5	Cards, n.d.
	6	Songbook
	7	Cash Journals, 1970-1971
	8-14	Treasurer's Books, 1971, 1977-1983
2	1-6	Treasurer's Books, 1984-1988
3	1-4	Treasurer's Books, 1989-1992
	5	Check Registers, 1970-1973, 1975-1977, 1977, 1983-1985
	6-11	Conventions, 1970-1972, 1976, 1978
4	1-2	Conventions, 1978, 1982
	3-6	Convention Photographs, 1971, 1978, 1988-1989
<u>ENVELOPES</u>		
Photographs:		
	7	Bus Trip, n.d. (4)
	8	Convention, Peoria, IL, 1983 (9)
	9	Halloween Party and Hay Ride, October 13, 1990 (23)
	10	Filly Derby Convention, 1971 (2)
	11	Group Photograph, 1978, n.d. (2)
	12	Installation of Officers, January 1990 (7)
	13	Masquerade Party, September 1986 (12)
	14	Midwestern Party Mixer, n.d. (1)
	15	Open Meeting, January 1977 (3)
	16	Jean Paulson, n.d. (1)
	17	Pensioner's Dinner, n.d. (3)
	18	President's Plaque, n.d. (1)
	19	Secret Pal Dinner, February 1977 (9)
	20	Secret Pal Party, February 15, 1983 (7)
	21	Signing Christmas Card, December 1, 1971 (1)
	22	Women with Ronald Reagan, October 1956 (1)
	23	Unidentified Parties, December 1989, February 1990, April 1990 (6)
	24	Unidentified Party, n.d. (7)
	25	Unidentified Photographs, n.d. (41)
5	1 VHS Tape	Convention, Red Lion Omaha, 1988
	2 VHS Tapes	Convention, Fort Wayne, IN, October 6-8, 1989
Oversize	4 volumes	Scrapbooks, 1949-1952, 1952-1954, 1957-1962, 1963-1968
Oversize	2 volumes	Photograph Albums, 1971-1980, 1989-1990
Oversize	1 plaque	Club Presidents, 1949-1985