

Inventory of the

**District VI, Business and  
Professional Women's Club**

Records

In the

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**RC 148**

## INTRODUCTION

Joanne Shukis, Chairman, donated the District VI Business and Professional Women's Club Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on April 12, 1982.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection documents the history of District VI from its formation in 1945 through 1982. There is a nearly complete run of meeting minutes which include reports from clubs in the area. Also included are presidents' council minutes (1973-1980), correspondence (1972-1980), and treasurer's reports (1946-1981). Files on club chartering document the formation of the Rochelle and McHenry B.P.W. Clubs. Other records include club and district reports, club of the year awards, meeting programs, and a presidents' council manual.

Researchers studying B.P.W. clubs and women's history should see the individual B.P.W. club collections. For information on other clubs and societies, see the Center Guide or ask a staff member for assistance.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

District VI of the Business and Professional Women's Club formed in November 1945 as District III. The initial membership included the Belvidere, DeKalb, Harvard, LaSalle, Mendota, Rockford, and Sycamore Clubs. In 1962 the name changed to District V adding several clubs onto the membership list. The final change came in 1969 when it became District VI. Membership included the Belvidere, DeKalb, Harvard, McHenry, Rochelle, Rockford, Sycamore, and Woodstock clubs.

The district club acted as a liaison between the state federation and the clubs in the district. The director or chairman visits each club throughout the year and also holds meetings to discuss state legislation, club activities, and state and national federation business. District VI was known for initiating the Woman of the Year Award where each district chooses a woman on the basis of her contributions to the community, business, church, and organizations.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Business and Professional Women's Club  
 District VI Business and Professional Women's Club  
 Professions, Women  
 Women  
 Women--Societies and clubs

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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| 1          | 1             | By-Laws, 1945, 1969, 1979                        |
|            | 2             | Annual Reports, 1974-1976, 1978                  |
|            | 3-4           | Minutes, 1945-1982                               |
|            | 5             | Presidents' Council, Minutes, (1973-1980)        |
|            | 6-7           | Correspondence, 1972-1980                        |
|            | 8             | Club and District Reports, 1977-1979             |
| 2          | 1             | Treasurer's Reports, 1946-1981                   |
|            | 2             | Club Evaluations, 1973-1976                      |
|            | 3             | Legislation News, 1979-1980                      |
|            | 4             | Rochelle Club Chartering, 1968-1969              |
|            | 5             | McHenry Club Chartering, 1969                    |
|            | 6             | Young Career Woman, 1979                         |
|            | 7             | Career Awareness Project, n.d.                   |
|            | 8             | Club of the Year Forms, 1980                     |
|            | 9             | Club of the Year Award, McHenry, 1978            |
| 3          | 1             | Meeting Programs, (1972-1980) (15)               |
|            | 2             | Presidents' Council Manual, 1976                 |
|            | 3             | Illinois Handbook of Federation Procedures, 1974 |