

Inventory of the

P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter DX
DeKalb, Illinois

Records

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RC 221

INTRODUCTION

Louise Baker, Nancy Hartman, Sally Stevens, and Katherine Walker donated the records of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter DX to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center over an extended starting in the 1990s.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter DX records date from the founding of the organization in 1933 through 2019. The records include a complete set of meeting minutes from April 1, 1933 through March 1, 1982. The four scrapbooks include newspaper articles, yearbooks, photographs, and programs for the chapter. A complete run of the national publication of the sisterhood, The P.E.O. Record, covers the time period from January 1982 through December 1989.

The Addenda received in various accretions between 2002 and 2007 continue the run of meeting minutes, photographs, scrapbooks, and The P.E.O. Record ranging from 1982-2005. Addendum 2022 [processed November 2022] contains the meeting minutes for Chapter DX from 2000-2012, as well as ten-year supplements of P.E.O. history from 1953 until 2013, constitution bylaws and standing rules, and the proceedings of state conventions for Illinois and the International Chapter of P.E.O.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

"The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a philanthropic and educational organization interested in bringing to women increased opportunities for higher education. It was founded as a college sorority at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa in 1869 and later voted to retain its English letters and its off-campus chapter thus changing from a college group to a community group."

The DX Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in DeKalb was founded on April 1, 1933 by Mrs. Perrin, State Organizer and Mrs. Baymiller, State President. Six P.E.O.'s from different chapters started the DeKalb chapter with Eva McKee as chair. At Blanche Davidson's home, with its fourteen charter members, the new chapter was organized and its officers installed.

The chapter has contributed financially to the Grace E. Nix Scholarship at Northern Illinois University, the March of Dimes, the Red Cross, the P.E.O. United Victory Fund and the Cancer Society. The International Peace Scholarship Fund, Cottey College (the P.E.O. sponsored college), and the P.E.O. Home have also been supported by the DeKalb Chapter.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

P.E.O. Sisterhood
Societies--DeKalb
Women's--Societies and clubs

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Histories, 1933-1978
	2	Silver Anniversary, 1958
	3	40th Anniversary, 1973
	4	"This is Your Life, P.E.O.," 1955, 1956
	5	Presidential Correspondence and Annual Reports, 1961-1975
	6	Correspondence, n.d.
	7	Illinois Reciprocity Group I Meeting Minute, October 13, 1951
	8	Program, 1966
	9	Membership Information, n.d.
	10-13	Minute books, April 1, 1933-March 6, 1961
2	1-4	Minute books, March 20, 1961-March 1, 1982
	5-11	Yearbooks, 1937-1979
		Photographs:
	12	Silver Anniversary, April 7, 1958 (14)
	13	40th Anniversary, 1973 (21)
	14	Miscellaneous, n.d. (4)
3	1	Group shot of Chapter IV, March 20, 1955 (1)
	2	Slides, 1954, 1958 (19)
	3	Chapter KJ, History and Minutes, 1964
	4	Illinois State Chapter, 1960, 1975
	5	Supreme Chapter Program, September 10-13, 1935
	6-13	<u>The P.E.O. Record</u> , January 1982-December 1989
Oversize	4 volumes	Scrapbooks, 1933-1977
Oversize Drawer 20, Folder 8		Sisters of the Swish Charter Chapter IV History for Chapter DX Members Photographs
		<u>ADDENDA 2002-2007</u>
4	1-8	<u>The P.E.O. Record</u> , January/February 1997- September/October 2002; January/February 2003- May/June 2005

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5	1-2 3	Meeting Minutes, March 15, 1982-February 21, 2000 Photograph Album, 1983
Oversize	4 volumes	Scrapbooks, 1982-2003
<u>ADDENDUM 2022</u>		
6	1-12	Chapter DX Minutes (2000-2012)
7	1-2 3-5	P.E.O. in Illinois: A History – Ten Year Supplements (1953-2013) Constitution Bylaws and Standing Rules of the P.E.O Sisterhood (1991, 1999, 2007, 2009-2013, 2015-2019)
8	1-3 4 5	Illinois State Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood Proceedings (2002-2007) International Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood Proceedings (2003, 2005) P.E.O. Sisterhood 2008-2009 Yearbook [Chapter IV and Chapter KJ]