

Inventory of the

**Sycamore Business and
Professional Women's Club**
Sycamore, Illinois

Records

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INTRODUCTION

Donna Thurlby, President, donated the Sycamore Business and Professional Women's Club Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on May 5, 1980.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records contained in this collection document the activities of the Sycamore Business and Professional Women's Club from 1926-1978. Minute books and yearbooks provide the most comprehensive information on the club's business affairs. Although the early minutes (1926-1955) have been lost, background information on these years can be found in the club historian's notes. Researchers should note that nearly one-half of the collection contains complementary records which partially document the Illinois, National, and International Business and Professional Women's Organizations.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Sycamore Business and Professional Women's Club was sponsored by the Aurora BPW Club in 1926. A local attorney, Mary Hamsmith, presided as president over a group of 66 women during the first year. The Club's objectives were to join together to elevate and promote the interests and standards of business and professional women in Sycamore.

Throughout its long history, the Sycamore BPW Club has sponsored numerous service projects, held many fund raising affairs, and issued educational scholarships to young women in the area. The Club was instrumental in starting a Girl Scout Troop in 1960 and they have donated monies to the Sycamore Youth Recreation Committee, the Sycamore Rescue Squad, the Opportunity House, Sycamore Park and the Library over the years. Interspersed among these projects, the Club had informative programs presented by politicians and business individuals at their monthly meetings. The Sycamore BPW Club played an active and important role in women's lives and in the life of the Sycamore community.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Business and Professional Women's Club
 Professions, Women
 Sycamore (Ill.)
 Sycamore Business and Professional Women's Club
 Women
 Women--Societies and clubs

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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	38	National Convention Information, 1970	
	39-41	Annual Reports Illinois Federation of B.P.W. Clubs, (1935-1956), 1971-1975	
	2	1	Annual Convention Programs - Illinois Federation of B.P.W. Clubs, (1935-1972)
2		Illinois Handbook of Federation Procedures, (1960?)	
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3	1	<u>The Illinois Bulletin</u> , 1958, 1964	
	2	Annual Reports - B.P.W. Foundation, 1973-1974	
	3	Proceedings of National Conventions, 1950, 1954, 1969	
	4	Program for the National Federation of B.P.W. Clubs, 1937-1938	
	5	Reports of the First International Conference of B.P.W. Clubs, 1930	
	6	<u>National Business Woman</u> , 1969	
	7	<u>Independent Woman</u> , December 1925	