

Inventory of the

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

Records

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RC 98

INTRODUCTION

Donna Poshard, President, donated the Rochelle Business and Professional Women's Club Records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on June 2, 1980. Karen Collier, past President, donated additional Business and Professional Women's Club materials to the Regional History Center on June 16, 1980.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records in this collection document the activities of the Rochelle Business and Professional Women's Club from 1969-1980. Minutes and the "Nike Naks" newsletters provide the most comprehensive information on the Club's activities. A major portion of the collection includes the papers of Karen Collier, President of the Rochelle B.P.W. Club (1975-1976), and State Young Career Women (YCW) Chairman (1976-1977). Included are the files of individual Y.C.W. candidates and the newsletters of various Illinois B.P.W. Clubs. Papers from 1977/78 document Mrs. Collier's term as District VI Chairman. Researchers also should note that this collection includes a wealth of documentary material on Illinois and National B.P.W. organizations and activities.

Related collections held by the Regional History Center include the Sycamore B.P.W. Club Records (RC 97) and the DeKalb B.P.W. Club Records (RC 99). Researchers should note that most of the documentation on the formation of the Rochelle B.P.W. Club is included in the DeKalb B.P.W. Club Records. Two B.P.W. publications, the National Business Woman and the Illinois Bulletin are part of the Founders Memorial Library's permanent collection.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The DeKalb B.P.W. Club sponsored the creation of the Rochelle Business and Professional Women's Club in February 1968. Mona Robison, a local nurse, served as the first president. There were thirty-three charter members. The goals of the Rochelle B.P.W. Club are to better the circumstances and opportunities for working women through informative programs, scholarships, and active support of local, state and national legislation of benefit to women.

The Club has supported college scholarships to local women, provided Christmas baskets for the needy, sponsored a Filipino orphan, and held informational programs such as a symposium on the International Women's Year co-sponsored with the Rochelle League of Women Voters. To finance its activities the Club edited and published a cookbook, Burnt Offerings, held raffles and conducted various sidewalk and rummage sales.

The Rochelle BPW Club is now apart of the Rochelle Rotary Club which is a not for profit organization of business and professional men and women who are "dedicated to maintaining ethical standards, building positive community and good will, developing relationships through networking and providing humanitarian service locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally."

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Business and Professional Women's Club
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 Rochelle (Ill.)
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