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Dallas Woman's Forum records, 1930–2014

Overview

Creator:	Dallas Woman's Forum
Title:	Dallas Woman's Forum records
Dates:	1930–2014
Abstract:	This collection contains materials from the Dallas Woman's Forum. Included are folders on insurance policies, attendance lists, audits, budgets, financial statements, workers' comp, membership applications, membership dues, programs, and treasurer reports.
Identification:	2014.27
Quantity:	2 boxes (.4 linear ft.)
Language:	Material is in English
Repository:	Dallas Historical Society

Historical Note

The Dallas Woman's Forum was founded in 1906. The first president was a woman named E.P. Turner, who was the State President of the Texas Federation. She felt that a city like Dallas with a population of 100,000+ should have a departmental club, therefore, this name was chosen. Nine departments were established: Art, Bible and Sacred History, Congress of Mothers, Current Events, Household Economics and Pure Food, Music, Civics and Philanthropy, Philosophy and Science, and Literature. President Turner envisioned that Dallas have a club/forum similar to New York and Chicago.

After the San Francisco earthquake, the Forum began their first philanthropic work. As the U.S. entered World War I, the Forum involved itself in many war efforts: they sold liberty bonds, learned about war gardens, and also began working with the Red Cross. By the mid 1920s, with its membership at 700, the Forum became the largest departmental club in the Southwest. The Alexander Mansion was purchased in 1932 as the permanent meeting place.

On May 6th, 2006 the Forum held a celebration in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of their founding, as well as the 100th anniversary of the Mansion. As the years passed, the Forum continued their work for their many causes, often during war times.

Scope and Contents Note

The collection contains attendance lists, membership applications, membership dues, programs, treasurer reports, yearbooks, ledgers, and museum artifacts.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into one series:

Series 1: Dallas Woman's Forum records, 1930-2014

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research use.

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Index Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms.

Subjects (Organizations)

Dallas Woman's Forum

Subjects

Texas -- Women -- Societies and clubs.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Collections of the Dallas Historical Society, Dallas Woman's Forum Records.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Sheryl Row and Linda Turner, 2014.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Teresa Ryant, 2017. This collection contains artifacts including bank bags and a stamp. These pieces have been removed to the museum collection.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Dallas Woman's Forum records, 1930-2014

Box	Folder	
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1	1-2	AETNA Insurance, 1990-1992
	3-6	Attendance, 1997-2001
	7-8	Audit, 1980, 1997
	9	Budget, 1964-1966
	10	Checks, 1980, undated
	11	Correspondence, 1966-1969
	12-18	Financial, 1965-2000
	19	Friday Department, 1956
	20	Friday Study Department, 1999-2001
	21	Liberty Mutual-Workers Comp, 1990-1992
	22	Literature Department, 1979-1980
	23-32	Membership applications, 1976-1984, undated
	33-34	Membership Committee, 1985-1986, 2003

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2	35-37	Memberships/Dues, 1940-2001
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- 38 Memorials, 1958-1966
- 39 New members, 1964-1966
- 40 Notes, 2000-2002
- 41 Printed materials, 2001-2014
- 42-45 Programs, undated
- 46 Resignations, 1962-1963
- 47 Treasurer's Report-Friday Dept., 1960-1961
- 48-50 Treasurer's Reports, 1968-1971
- 51 Tuesday's Study Department, 1985-1989
- 52 Wadley Leukemia Association, undated

Item

- Ledgers, 1930-1947
 - Yearbooks, 1954-1999, undated
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