

Guide to the Women's Club of Peters Township records, 1954-1987

Summary Information

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Creator:	Women's Club of Peters Township
Extent:	5 boxes
Language of materials:	All materials are in English.
Abstract:	Records consist of a history of the Women's Club of Peters Township and club membership applications and lists, financial records, guest books, and scrapbooks for the period 1954-1987.

Biography/History

The Women's Club of Peters Township began as the Junior Section of the Society of Farm Women of Peters Township which was established in 1921 with 18 charter members. In 1930, the group changed its name to the Society of Farm Women's Auxiliary.

The club sought to provide a social space for women in the township and to contribute to the wellbeing of the community through its charitable work. The club's social activities included corn roasts, hosting guest speakers at its meetings, and organizing a booth at the Washington County Fair. Charitable club activities

included sewing days to benefit the Red Cross, Veterans Hospital, Canonsburg Hospital, and local families in need. The club also donated food and clothing to victims of the Pittsburgh flood in 1936 and purchased Red Cross Health Bonds.

At the club's twentieth anniversary in 1941 it had 47 active members. The club changed its name to the Women's Club of Peters Township in February of 1952 and adopted a new constitution and by-laws in 1954.

In 1956, the Women's Club began working to establish and operate a community library, now Peters Township Public Library. Club members participated in fundraising and book drives and, in October of 1957, a community library staffed by members of the club opened in a corner of the Peters Township High School library.

The club continued its social and charitable activities through the 1980s. It hosted guest speakers at its meetings, participated in state women's club conventions, entered state level competitions, continued to support the library through its fundraising efforts, and supported other local organizations such as Meals on Wheels, the Peters Township ambulance service, and the veterans' memorial.

The Women's Club of Peters Township appears to have disbanded in the late 1990s.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Women's Club of Peters Township consist of a history of the club written by its members, club membership and financial records, event guest books, and annual scrapbooks.

Arrangement

The Women's Club of Peters Township records are arranged in 5 series:

- Series I. History of the Women's Club of Peters Township, 1956, 1966, 1986
- Series II. Membership records, 1956-1983
- Series III. Financial records, 1956-1983
- Series IV. Guest books, 1958-1973
- Series V. Scrapbooks, 1954-1987

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:

None.

Acquisition Information:

Anonymous gift.

Accruals Note:

No further accruals are expected.

Related Materials:

Additional records relating to the Women's Club of Peters Township's efforts to establish and operate a community library in Peters Township in the 1950s and 1960s can be found in MS 2021-057 Peters Township Public Library records.

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Contents List

Series I. History of the Women's Club of Peters Township, 1956, 1966, 1986

Series Extent: 2 folders

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of a handwritten history of the Women's Club of Peters Township from 1956 and two revised typewritten histories from 1966 and 1986.

Box 1	Folder title	Dates
Folder 1	History of the Women's Club of Peters Township	1956
Folder 2	Revised histories of the Women's Club of Peters Township	1966, 1986

Series II. Membership records, 1956-1983

Series Extent: 4 folders

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of applications for membership in the Women's Club of Peters Township from 1956-1982, the membership applications of resigned club members from 1957-1982, and annual membership lists that record attendance at the club's monthly meetings from 1969-1983. The membership applications are arranged alphabetically by the applicant's last name and record each member's name, address, telephone number, sponsor(s), and, in some cases, the amount of annual dues paid. The membership applications of resigned members are also arranged alphabetically and usually include the member's date of resignation. The annual membership and attendance lists are arranged chronologically.

Box 1	Folder title	Dates
Folder 3	Membership applications	1956-1982
Folder 4	Membership applications of resigned club members, A-K	1957-1982
Folder 5	Membership applications of resigned club members, L-Z	1957-1982
Folder 6	Annual membership lists that record attendance at the club's monthly meetings	1969-1983

Series III. Financial records, 1956-1983

Series Extent: 1 folder

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of the account book of the Garden Department of the Women's Club of Peters Township from 1956-1981, two club annual Proposed Budgets for 1979-1980 and 1982-1983, and a Treasurer's Report from 1980-1981. Series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1	Folder title	Dates
Folder 7	Financial records	1956-1983

Series IV. Guest books, 1958-1973

Series Extent: 2 folders

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of two guest books which record attendance at club events between 1958 and 1973. The guest book for 1958-1969 records the date of each event, the names of those in attendance, and their address. The events are largely unidentified. The guest book for 1969-1973 records the name of each event, its date, and the names of those in attendance. Events include Reciprocity Nights, Federation Nights, membership coffees, and the Club's 50th anniversary dinner held in 1972.

Box 1	Folder title	Dates
Folder 8	Guest book	1958-1969
Folder 9	Guest book	1969-1973

Series V. Scrapbooks, 1954-1987

Series Extent: 4 boxes

Series Scope and Content Note: Series consists of scrapbooks created by the members of the Women's Club of Peters Township. The scrapbooks contain photographs, newspaper articles, certificates of achievement, club yearbooks, and other materials documenting the club's activities between 1954 and 1987. Series is arranged chronologically.

Box	Dates
Box 2	1954-1961
Box 3	1964-1974
Box 4	1976-1978
Box 5	1985-1986
Box 4	1986-1987