Zonta Club of Albany; Records

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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title: Zonta Club of Albany Records
ID: apap399
Date [inclusive]: 1939-2020
Physical Description: 18.0 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: This collection documents the day-to-day activities of the Zonta Club of Albany, a service organization in the Capital Region of New York, comprised of executives, professionals, and businesswomen.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Zonta Club of Albany Records, 1939-2020. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Zonta Club of Albany Records).

Historical Note

Formally established in 1929 with 15 women as charter members, the Zonta Club of Albany has been a service organization for nearly a century in New York's Capital District. The first president of the Club was Christine Birrell Kimball, a public relations consultant. The Zonta Club of Albany is part of Zonta International, founded in 1919 in Buffalo, New York, which today has clubs in more than 60 countries worldwide.

Throughout its history, the Zonta Club of Albany has engaged in outreach, conducted fundraising, volunteered, and implemented projects to benefit Capital District women and girls. These efforts have included the building of an interfaith chapel at Memorial Hospital in Albany, contributing toward the
formation of Albany Girls Club, and supporting such local programs and organizations as Mercy House, The Next Step, Inc., Albany Medical Center, Albany County Jail Women's Project, the Capital City Rescue Mission's Women and Children's Center, the Equinox Domestic Violence Shelter, and many more.

The Zonta Club of Albany also was instrumental in the establishment of other local Zonta clubs including ones in the Troy area, Montgomery/Fulton, Columbia/Greene area, and Kingston.

Content Description

The collection includes newsletters created by the local club, magazines published by Zonta International, local membership directories, meeting minutes, scrapbooks and photo albums, conference and event materials, and ephemera.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is unprocessed and an inventory does not yet exist. Individual items may be difficult to find.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed.
Immediate Source of Acquisition

Club archivist Rita Cousino donated all materials in this collection to the M.E. Grenandner Department of Special Collections and Archives in 2022.

Access

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- Zonta Club of Albany (N.Y.)
- Zonta International
- Women in nonprofit organizations--New York (State)--Albany
- Albany, New York
- Women
- Neighborhood and Community Associations